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Wrap Re-Make!

A coverup from the fifties still looks fabulously fresh today! By Elena Malo

We were charmed when we came across this hot little number in our archives—this glamorous gal and her debonair suitor look as if they stepped off the set of *Mad Men*, and her hand-stitched shrug looks like something we'd happily snatch up for our wardrobes today. To steal her look, we've simply updated this pattern with a modernized yarn and an easy motif construction, so even beginning stitchers can add this piece to their wardrobe in no time flat—ready to wear to your next affair!

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 (3) balls #9520 Seafoam

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Soft Yarn in Seafoam



try this!

Make your shrug in #4604 Navy or #9440 Light Grey Heather.



SIZE

Women's (Plus)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

wrist to wrist 33 (38½"/84 (98)cm

front opening 44 (55"/112 (139.5)cm circumference

sleeve circumference 16½"/42cm

note Circumference of front opening can be customized by shortening or lengthening the sleeve/side seams.

GAUGE

One Daisy Square = 5½" x 5½"/14 x 14cm. Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Shrug is formed from 18 (21) daisy squares. The squares are joined together while working the last round of each square. Refer to the assembly diagram for arrangement of squares.

2 Sides of neighboring daisy squares are joined by weaving the chain spaces along neighboring sides together. To weave a chain of one square through the chain space of the neighboring square, remove hook from loop and insert hook through neighboring chain space, then put the loop back on the hook and gently draw

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN

ch	chain	sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet	sp	space
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sk	skip	tr	treble crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; (yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

ch-4 join Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back, through corresponding ch-4 sp of neighboring daisy square, place dropped loop back on hook and gently draw the chain through the neighboring ch-4 sp, ch 2 (ch-4 join completed).

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

the chain through the neighboring chain space before continuing with the instructions.

FIRST DAISY SQUARE

Make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2 Ch 3, 2-dc Cl in same sc as join, [ch 3, 3-dc Cl in next sc] 7 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 clusters, and 8 ch-3 sp.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in same st as join (counts

as first cluster), [sk next ch-3 sp, (2-dc Cl, ch 5, 2-dc Cl) in next cluster] 7 times, 2-dc Cl in same st as first dc, ch 5; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—16 clusters, and 8 ch-5 sp.

Round 4 Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4, sk next cluster, dc in next cluster, ch 4] 7 times, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 sc, 8 dc, and 16 ch-4 sp.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4, tr) in next sc (corner made), ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, *sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4, tr) in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

NEXT DAISY SQUARE [MAKE AND JOIN 17 (20) MORE]

Make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work Rounds 1–4 of first daisy square—8 sc, 8 dc, and 16 ch-4 sp.

Refer to assembly diagram for placement of daisy square. Note the neighboring squares to which the current square needs to be joined. In the next round, the ch-4 sps are joined to the ch-4 sps of any neighboring daisy squares. When a ch-4 sp needs to be joined to a neighboring daisy square, work a ch-4 join.

Round 5 (joining round) Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 4 or ch-4 join (if there is a neighboring daisy square), sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4 or ch-4

join, tr) in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, *sc in next dc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, (tr, ch 4 or ch-4 join, tr) in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next dc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next sc, ch 4 or ch-4 join, sk next ch-4 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Front Edging

Join yarn with sl st in edge of front opening at a sleeve seam.

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around front opening; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

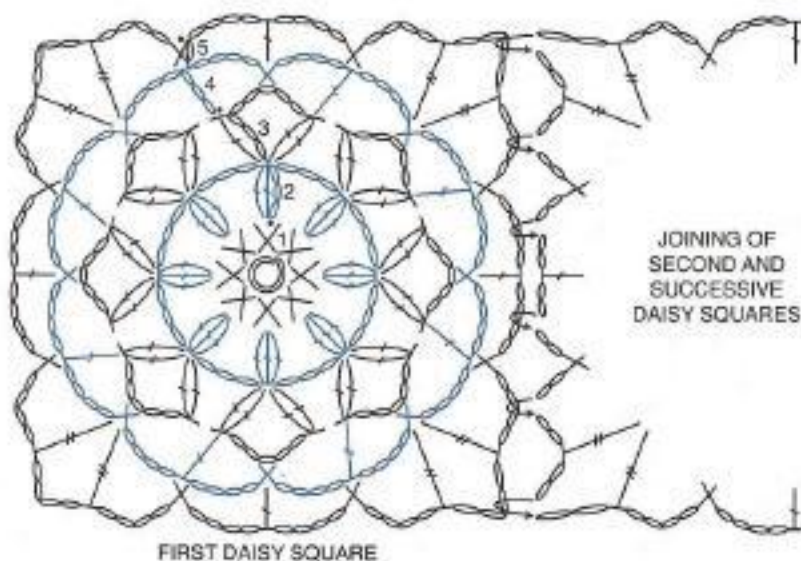
Join yarn with sl st anywhere in sleeve edge.

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around front opening; join with sl st in first sc.

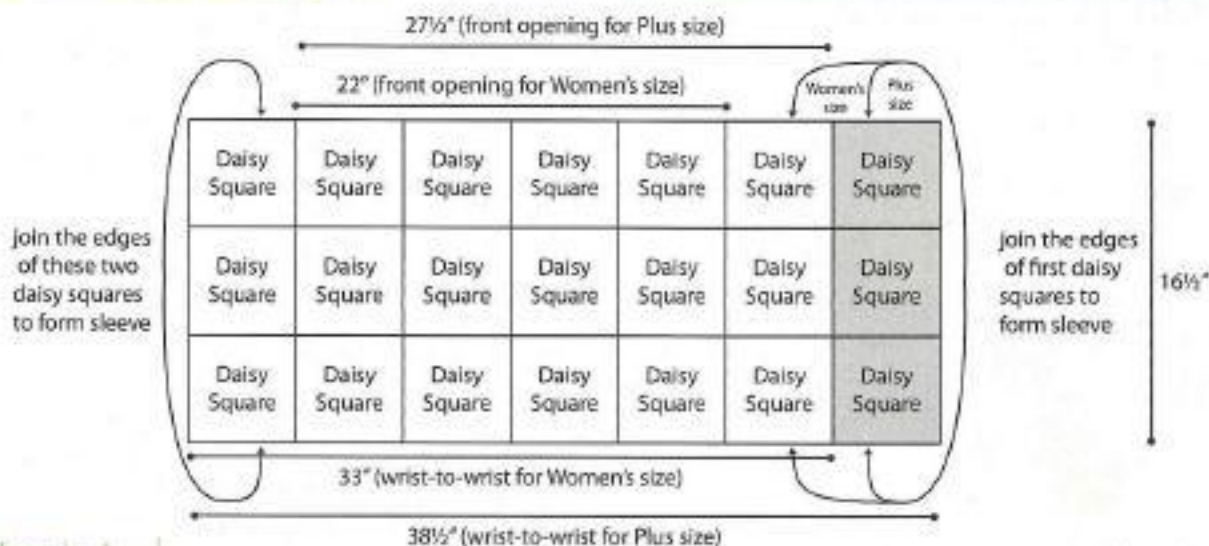
Round 2 Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM





a

b

c

Dora's design for our March/April '10 issue, the Floaty Vest, is a great example of a well-draped garment.

mastering Drape

How to get the fabric you want in crochet.

By Dora Ohrenstein

Drape is the quality of fabric that makes it hang well on the body—when a garment lacks drape, it appears stiff. Drape can be a difficult quality to obtain in crochet, due to the thick and dense nature of crochet stitches. Let's examine various techniques that can increase the drape factor in your crochet clothes.

Dora Ohrenstein is the author of *Creating Crochet Fabric* (Lark Books, 2010).

✕ Picking Yarn for Drape ✕

NOTE THE YARN WEIGHT The thinner the yarn, the thinner the fabric, and thus the best drape. A lace, fingering, or sport-weight yarn produces the best drape, but if you choose the right hook size, good drape can be achieved with worsted-weight yarn.

CONSIDER THE FIBER COMPOSITION Some fibers have more drape than others. On the list of good drapers are bamboo, alpaca, silk, mohair, merino, linen, rayon, soy, and soft acrylics. Cotton, however, is very stiff, but certain types, such as Pima, are bred to increase softness and therefore add drape. Blends can help even stubborn fibers achieve a nice drape: the blend acquires the good qualities of each of the component fibers. To ensure good drape, read your yarn's label carefully and look for at least 50 percent drape-positive fibers in the blend.

THINK ABOUT THE TEXTURE Smooth yarns drape better than those that have kinky edges, such as boucle.





✂ Picking Hooks for Drape ✂

The most important thing you can do to increase drape is go up in hook size. This simple change loosens up your stitches, gives the yarn more "breathing room," and greatly improves the fluidity of the fabric. There is no exact formula for matching hook size with yarn weight, however. Think about a range of sizes for various weights. With a worsted-weight yarn, try a G to K hook; with DK weight, F to I; with sport weight, D to G. Bulky yarns are tricky, but even a heavier garment like a jacket will improve in wearability if a larger hook,

anywhere from K through N, is used.

The best way to find out is to make gauge swatches with different hooks. The three swatches hanging on the opposite page demonstrate this point. All three swatches were made using the same worsted-weight yarn and stitch pattern—sc, hdc—but they were worked on different hooks. Swatch A, a firm and not very giving fabric, was made with an E/4 (3.5mm) hook; Swatch B, slightly more drapery, used an I/9 (5.5mm) hook; Swatch C, with its flowing shape, was made with an L/11 (8mm) hook.

Knowing just what to look for in your stitches helps make the decision about the best hook size. If the hook is too large, stitches will look sloppy. Too small, and the stitches are tight. When individual stitches are well defined and the yarn opens up comfortably in each stitch, then you're very close to perfection. Many yarns can look good with 2 or 3 different hook sizes; for maximum drape, go with the largest.

✂ Picking Stitches for Drape ✂

WORK INTO ONE LOOP ONLY, either back or front, to add significantly to drape. The rows will be less tightly connected, which means the fabric can stretch more. Many stitch patterns can be modified so that only back or front loop stitches are used. [swatch 1]

CHOOSE TALL STITCHES. The openness of taller stitches adds to the drape. Waves or ripples made with trebles work very well, and many stitch patterns that call for double crochet can easily be made with trebles to improve the drape factor. [swatch 2]

PLAY WITH LACE. Lace stitches are another time-honored tool for making supple crochet fabric. The holes in the fabric increase its ability to fold and move. In fact, the more open a stitch pattern is, the better drape it will give. [swatch 3]

AVOID TEXTURED STITCHES. Bobbles, puffs, posts, and cables will add bulk to the fabric and therefore work against drape. If you love these dimensional stitches, try them with thinner yarns so you can still use them on wearables. [swatch 4]



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. . . to a handmade wedding, Crochet Today style! Add your own personal touch to the big day with hand-crafted accessories that are truly keepsake-worthy. Accessorize the bride's look with a stunning necklace, headpiece, or shawl; top the cake with a crochet tier; or give the bride and groom a wedding blanket to warm their new home. Because nothing says forever like a handmade heirloom!





Bridal Headband

Trade a traditional veil for a more minimal accessory with this gorgeous headpiece. Pearls, feathers and veiling accent starched crochet flowers for an effect that's truly heirloom-worthy.

By Roxana Ramseur



What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, each ball approx 350yd/320m (bottom)

- 1 ball #226 Natural

Note Thread quantities are sufficient to make many flowers and leaves

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 8 (1.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

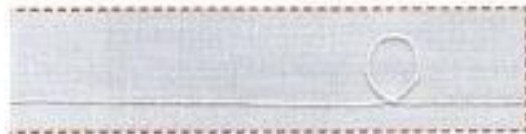
- 16 rice-shaped fresh-water pearl beads, 5–5.5mm diameter (hole drilled through length)
- 56 rice-shaped genuine pearl beads, 3–3.5mm diameter (hole drilled through width)
- 16 cream seed beads, size 11/0, 1.5mm diameter
- 3 cream bugle beads, size 2, 11/0, 3–4mm long
- 3 ivory goose blots, 4½"/11.5cm long (or other slender, pliable feathers)
- 8 x 18"/20.5 x 45.5cm ecru hat veiling
- #10 beading needle
- #7 sharp sewing needle
- Hand-quilting thread to match
- Beeswax (for coating thread and making it stronger)
- Thin metal headband (metal strongly recommended), ¾"/10mm wide
- 18"/45.5cm cream grosgrain ribbon, #3, 50% cotton/50% polyester, ¾"/16mm wide
- Hot glue or bridal glue
- Fabric starch suitable for use on cotton crochet thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn!

Classic Crochet Thread in Natural



Abbreviations

ch chain sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet
() Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

flower 3¼"/8.5cm diameter
large leaf 1½"/4cm diameter
small leaf 1¼"/3cm diameter

GAUGE

Flower petal = 1½"/4cm long x 1¼"/3cm wide at widest point.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

FLOWER

Petals (make 6)

Ch 11 loosely.

Row 1 (wrong side) Working in back bars of foundation ch, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in next ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in next 3 ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in last ch (base of petal); working in free loops on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 4 ch, hdc in next 3 ch; leave remaining ch unworked—18 sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 8 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts; leave remaining sts unworked—19 sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 9 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 3 sts; leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Center

Round 1 (right side) Ch 4, work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc); join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 dc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

Hold two petals with wrong sides together and bases of petals at same end. Whip stitch side edges of petals together, sewing through back

loops. Sew side edges of all six petals together in same manner. With right sides facing, whip stitch center to center of joined petals.

LEAVES

Large Leaf (Make 2)

Row 1 Ch 24, sl st in 22nd ch from hook; leave last 2 ch unworked—1 ch-21 loop and 1 sl st.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first sl st; working in back bars only, sc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, 2 hdc in next 5 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, sc in next 3 ch, sl st in free loop on opposite side of next ch, sl st in next ch; leave last ch unworked—20 hdc, 6 sc, and 3 sl sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sl st in first 2 sl sts, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sk next sl st; working in both loops, sl st in same ch as sl st of Row 1, sl st in free loop of next ch, sl st in last ch—30 sc and 5 sl sts.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only of sts except for last 2 sl sts, sl st in first 3 sl sts, sc in next 30 sc, sl st in next 2 sl sts; working in ends of rows (across end of leaf) and through both loops, sl st in ch at beginning of previous row, sl st in ch at beginning of current row—30 sc and 7 sl sts. Fasten off.

Small Leaf (Make 3)

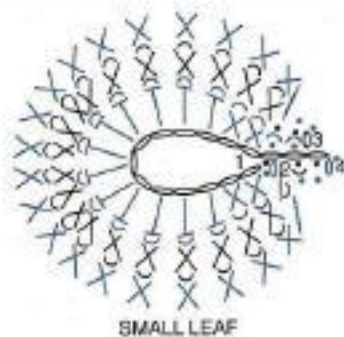
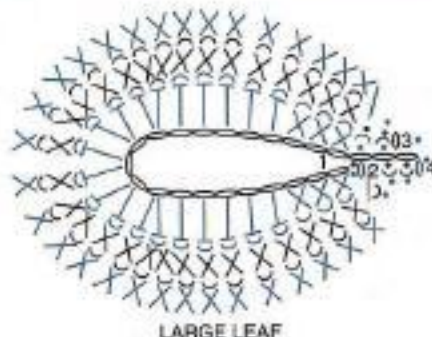
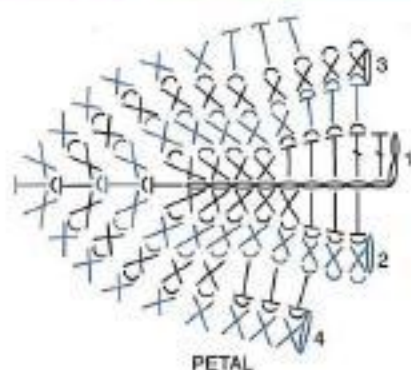
Row 1 Ch 16, sl st in 14th ch from hook; leave last 2 ch unworked—1 ch-13 loop and 1 sl st.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first sl st; working in back bars only, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 3 ch, 2 hdc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in next 2 ch, sl st in free loop on opposite side of next ch, sl st in next ch; leave last ch unworked—12 hdc, 4 sc, and 3 sl sts.

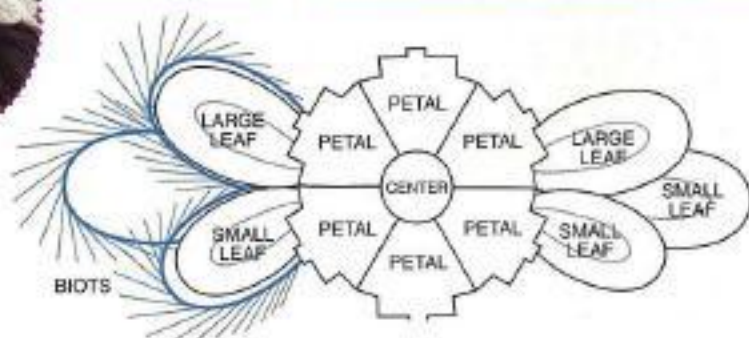
Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sl st in first 2 sl sts, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next 4 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sk next sl st; working in both loops, sl st in same ch as sl st of Row 1, sl st in free loop of next ch, sl st in last ch—20 sc and 5 sl sts.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sl st in first 3 sl sts, sc in next 20 sc, sl st in next 2 sl sts; working in ends of rows (across end of leaf) and through both loops, sl st in ch at beginning of previous row, sl st in ch at beginning of current row—20 sc and 7 sl sts. Fasten off.

STITCH DIAGRAMS



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



FINISHING

Following directions on bottle of fabric starch, starch the flower and leaves lightly, gently pat into shape, and allow to dry thoroughly. Do not pin the pieces flat; allow some texture to remain.

Attach Beads

Sew beads to flower and leaves as follows. Apply a small amount of beeswax to a length of hand-quilting thread, and thread onto sharp sewing needle.

Note If your sewing needle is slender enough to go through the hole in the beads, you do not need to change back and forth from a beading needle to a sewing needle.

center elevated pearl beads Insert sewing needle from wrong side to right side near center of flower. Change to beading needle and thread needle through a bugle bead, then through a large pearl bead, and finally through a seed bead. Return needle through pearl and bugle beads. Change back to sewing needle and insert needle back through flower to anchor pearl bead in an elevated upright position near the center of the flower. Repeat this process to attach two more center elevated pearl beads (for a total of 3 elevated pearl beads). Secure end of thread on wrong side of flower.

next ring of pearl beads Insert sewing needle from wrong side to right side near center pearl beads. Change to beading needle and thread needle through a large pearl bead and then through a seed bead. Return needle through pearl bead. Change

back to sewing needle and insert needle back through flower to anchor bead. Repeat to attach 12 more beads evenly spaced around the center elevated pearl beads.

smaller outer pearl beads With beading needle, thread smaller pearl beads onto sewing thread. Change to sewing needle and insert needle from wrong side to right side near the outside edge of a leaf, slide a pearl bead up to edge of leaf, and insert needle back through the edge of the leaf to secure the bead. Repeat to attach 13 beads evenly spaced along the outside edge of each large leaf and 10 beads evenly spaced along the outside edge of each small leaf.

Assemble Flower and Leaves

Arrange flower and leaves as shown in assembly diagram. Sew bases of leaves to wrong side of piece. Weave in ends.

Attach Goose Biot

Use photograph as a guide to arrange goose biots. Gently bend the biots and sew ends to wrong side of flower and leaves. Two biots should curve around each leaf, framing the leaf. The other biot should be curved into a

similar shape and be centered between and slightly beyond the other two biots.

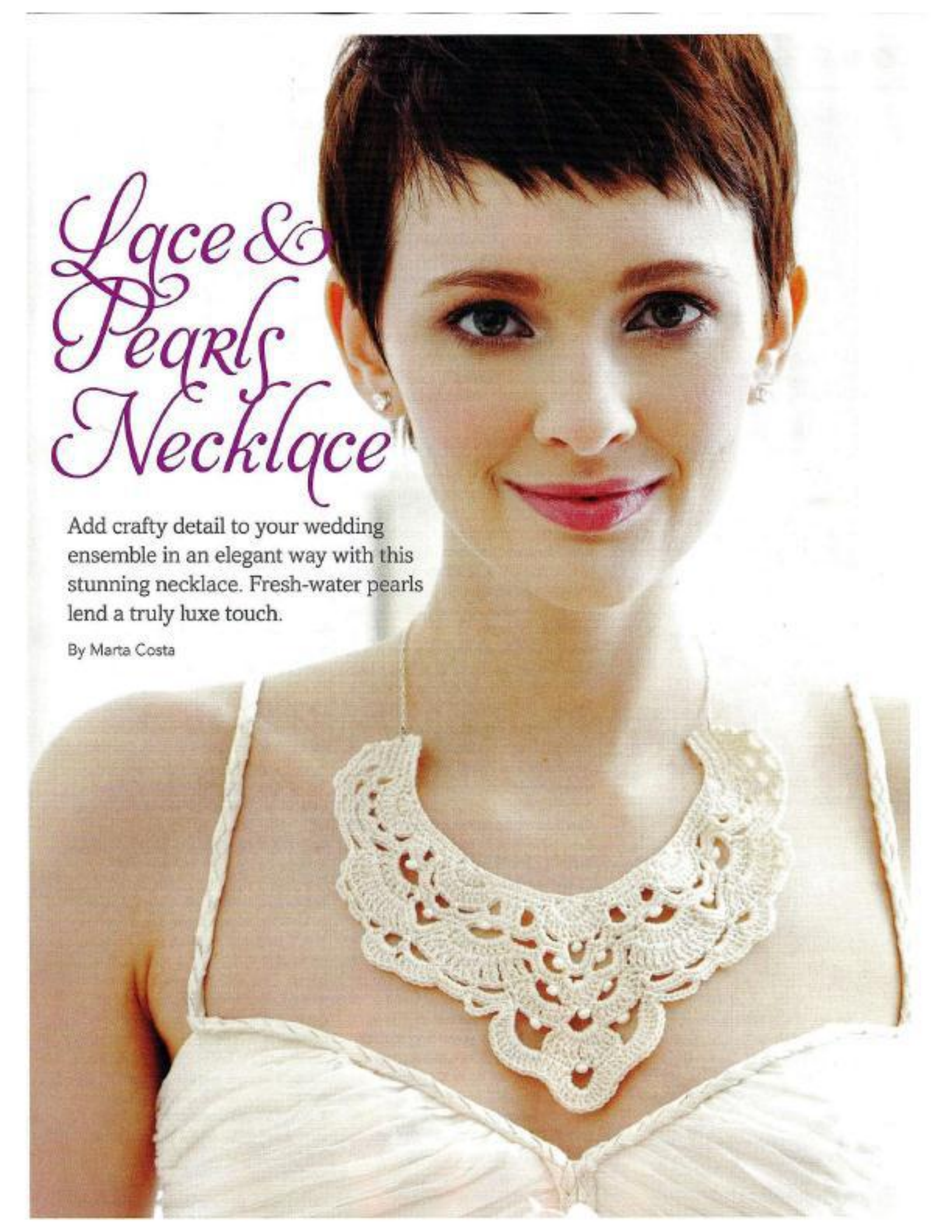
Attach Veiling

Loosely wrap veiling around a round object; a baseball cap stuffed firmly with newspaper works well. Gather top of veiling and create pleats to form a shallow bowl shape (or other desired shape). Pin pleats and gathers in place. With sewing needle and thread, sew pleats and gathers as needed to maintain shape, and sew veil to underside of flower arrangement.

Prepare Headband

If needed, remove any existing embellishment from headband. Fold grosgrain ribbon lengthwise around headband. Use hot glue or bridal glue to adhere ribbon to both sides of headband. Trim ends, and using sewing needle and matching thread, whipstitch around edges to secure. Take care to make small stitches.

Sew or glue flower arrangement to headband.

A woman with short, dark brown hair and bangs is smiling at the camera. She is wearing a white, intricately detailed lace necklace with a scalloped edge and a central floral motif. She is also wearing a white, strapless dress with a draped neckline. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Lace & Pearls Necklace

Add crafty detail to your wedding ensemble in an elegant way with this stunning necklace. Fresh-water pearls lend a truly luxe touch.

By Marta Costa

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, each ball approx 350yd/320m (cotton)

- 1 ball #226 Natural

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 8 (1.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 15 rice-shaped fresh-water pearl beads, 5mm long, hole drilled through longest dimension
- Beading thread
- Beading needle
- 4 silver jump rings
- Two 5'x12.5cm lengths of silver necklace chain
- Jewelry clasp
- Pliers
- Thread needle

Skill Level: Experienced

1 2 3 4

Abbreviations

ch chain	sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet	sp space
sc single crochet	st(s) stitch(es)
sk skip	tr treble crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

the yarn

Classic Crochet Thread in Natural

try this!

This necklace can also make a dramatic statement if worked in # 12 Black or # 494 Victory Red.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 7"x18cm wide (measured straight across at widest point) x 3 3/4"x8.5cm high (measured from center front to lower tip)

GAUGE

Row 1 = 8 1/2"x20.5cm measured around curve along foundation chain edge.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Necklace is worked with right side facing at all times. Fasten off at the end of each row, and rejoin yarn at the beginning for the next row.

2 Beads are sewn to the finished piece.

NECKLACE

Ch 66.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 6 ch, sk next ch, 5 dc in next ch (shell made), sk next ch, sc in next 8 ch, sk next ch, 6 dc in next ch (shell made), sk next ch, sc in next 9 ch, sk next 2 ch, 6 dc in next ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in next 9 ch, sk next ch, 6 dc in next ch, sk next ch, sc in next 8 ch, sk next ch, 5 dc in next ch, sk next ch, sc in last 7 ch—5 shells and 48 sc. Fasten off.

Row 2 (right side) Join thread with sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 dc in next 5 dc, sk next sc, sc in next 6 sc, sk next sc, 2 dc in next 6 dc, sk next sc, sc in next 7 sc, sk next sc, 2 dc in next 6 dc, sk next sc, sc in next 6 sc, sk next sc, 2 dc in next 5 dc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 3 sc—5 shells and 42 sc. Fasten off.

Row 3 Join thread with sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, ch 2, sk next 3 sts, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sc, ch 3, sk next 2 sc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 7, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 sc, dc in next 3 sc, ch 3, sk next 2 sc sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc] 3 times, ch 2, sk next 3 sts, sc in last 7 sc. Fasten off.

Row 4 Join thread with sc in first sc, sc in next

5 sc, sk next sc, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, 4 sc in next 4 ch-3 sp, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc, sk next sc, 4 sc in next 4 ch-3 sp, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 dc, 4 sc in next ch-3 sp, 5 sc in next ch-3 sp, 9 sc in next ch-7 sp, 5 sc in next ch-3 sp, 4 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 dc, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, 4 sc in next 4 ch-3 sp, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc, sk next sc, 4 sc in next 4 ch-3 sp, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sk next sc, sc in last 6 sc. Fasten off.

Row 5 Join thread with sc in 2nd sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 3, sk next 3 sc, sc in next sc, ch 5, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc, ch 5, sk next 9 sc, sc in next 2 sc, ch 9, sk next 3 sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 8, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc, ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc, ch 5, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, ch 3, sk next 3 sc, sc in next sc, ch 2, sk next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc; leave last sc unworked. Fasten off.

Row 6 Join thread with sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, sk next sc, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, 4 sc in next ch-3 sp, 6 sc in next ch-5 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, 6 dc in next ch-5 sp, 11 sc in next ch-9 sp, sk next sc, sc in next sc (center sc of 3-sc group), 9 dc in next ch-8 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, 5 sc in next ch-4 sp, (3 dc, 2 tr, 3 dc) in next ch-5 sp, 5 sc in next ch-4 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, 9 dc in next ch-8 sp, sk next sc, sc in next sc, 11 sc in next ch-9 sp, 6 dc in next ch-5 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, 6 sc in next ch-5 sp, 4 sc in next ch-3 sp, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sk next sc, sc in last 3 sc. Fasten off.

Row 7 Join thread with sc in first sc, ch 3, sk next 4 sc, sc in next sc, [ch 4, sk next 3 sc, sc in next sc] twice, ch 4, sk next 5 sc, 2 tr in next 5 dc, 3 tr in next dc, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc (center sc of 11-sc group), sk next 6 sc, [tr in next dc, 2 tr in next dc] 4 times, tr in next dc, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc (center sc of 5-sc group), ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next tr, ch 10, sc in next tr, ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next sc, sk next 5 sc, tr in next dc, [2 tr in next dc, tr in next dc] 4 times, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, sk next 5 sc, 3 tr in next dc, 2 tr in next 5 dc, ch 4, sk next 5 sc, sc in next sc, [ch 4, sk next 3 sc, sc in next sc] twice, ch 3, sk next 4 sc, sc in last sc. Fasten off.



Row 8 Join thread with sc in first tr of Row 7, ch 3, sk next tr, sc in next tr, [ch 4, sk next 2 tr, sc in next tr] 3 times, ch 5, sk next tr, sc in next sc, [ch 5, sk next 3 tr, sc in next tr] twice, ch 5, sk next 2 tr, sc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, 8 dc in next ch-7 sp, (sl st, ch 4, 9 tr, ch 4, sl st) in next ch-10 sp, 8 dc in next ch-7 sp, sk next 2 tr, sc in next tr, ch 5, sk next 2 tr, [sc in next tr, ch 5, sk next 3 tr] twice, sc in next sc, ch 5, sk next tr, [sc in next tr, ch 4, sk next 2 tr] 3 times, sc in next tr, ch 3, sk next tr, sc in next tr, leave remaining sts unworked. Fasten off.

Row 9 Join thread with sl st in 4th ch-sp of Row 8, 6 dc in next 2 ch-5 sp, 6 sc in next 2 ch-5 sp, sk next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 8, sk next 5 dc, sk ch-4, sc in next 4 tr, ch

7, sk next tr, sc in next 4 tr, ch 8, sk ch-4, sk next 5 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sk next sc, 6 sc in next 2 ch-5 sp, 6 dc in next 2 ch-5 sp, sl st in next ch-4 sp; leave remaining sts unworked. Fasten off.

Row 10 Join thread with sl st in last sc of first 6-sc group of Row 9, ch 7, sk next 6 sc, sc in next sc, (hdc, 10 dc) in next ch-8 sp, dc in next 4 sc, 10 dc in next ch-7 sp, dc in next 4 sc, (10 dc, hdc) in next ch-8 sp, sc in next sc, ch 7, sk next 6 sc, sl st in next sc; leave remaining sts unworked. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Refer to photograph or stitch diagram for placement of beads. Thread one bead onto a length

of beading thread. Sew bead to shell at center of Row 2. Secure end and cut thread. Thread eight beads onto a length of beading thread. Anchor end of thread near beginning of Row 4, stitch thread through Row 4 (hiding the thread beneath the crochet stitches), and sew the eight beads in place across the row. Secure end and cut thread. Repeat to attach three beads to Row 6, and three beads to Row 8. Attach one jump ring in each end of Row 3 of necklace. Join one end of 4"/10cm necklace chain to each jump ring. Join one jump ring to other end of each 4"/10cm length of necklace chain. Join one half of necklace clasp to each jump ring.

Weave in ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM





Keepsake Lace Shawl

If the bride needs a little something to cover her shoulders on the big day, this stunning wrap is just the thing. Worked in another color, it makes a lovely bridesmaid gift, too!

By Susan Lowman



Abbreviations

ch	chain	sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet	sp(s)	space(s)
hdc	half double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	tr	treble crochet
sk	skip		

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

shell (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in indicated stitch or space.

beg-shell (beginning shell) (Sl st, ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in indicated space.

double shell ([2 dc, ch 2] twice, 2 dc) in indicated space.

Note The shell decreases are worked like dc4tog (decrease), with the first 2 of legs of the decrease worked in the ch-2 sp of one shell and the other 2 legs worked in the ch-2 sp of the next shell.

beg-shell dec (beginning shell decrease) Sl st in indicated space, ch 2, yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in ch-2 sp of next shell and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

shell dec (shell decrease) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in ch-2 sp of next shell and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (4 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

Cl (cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; [yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYDIA'S Bamboo Crochet Thread, Size 3, each ball approx 150yd/137m (viscose from bamboo)

- 7 balls #0001 White

CROCHET HOOK

- Size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn

Bamboo Crochet Thread, Size 3, in White



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Shawl measures 19"/48.5cm wide x 60"/152.5cm long

GAUGE

8 ch-2 sp and 9 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern. Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 30.

Row 1 Dc in 9th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc, ch 2). [ch 2, sk next 2 ch, dc in next ch] 7 times—9 dc, and 8 ch-2 sp.

Rows 2–9 Ch 5 (counts as first dc, ch 2), turn; sk first ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 7 times, dc in last dc.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Shawl is made in two halves. Each half is worked from the center out to the outer (long) edge. After the first half is complete, the second half is worked beginning by working across the opposite side of the foundation chain of the first half.

SHAWL

First Half

Ch 359.

Row 1 (right side) (Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in 4th ch from hook (first shell made), ch 2, sk next 4 ch, dc in next ch, *ch 2, sk next 2 ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last 5 ch, ch 2, sk next 4 ch, shell in last ch—2 shells, and 117 ch-2 sp.

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 4 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 4 times, *dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 4 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 4 times; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 13 groups of 4-dc, and 104 ch-2 sp.

Row 3 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, [ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 3 times, *dc in next dc, [ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp] 3 times; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 26 groups of 4-dc, 13 ch-5 sp, and 78 ch-2 sp.

Row 4 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, *dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 26 groups of 4-dc, 26 ch-5 sp, and 52 ch-3 sp.

Row 5 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-5 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 5, sk



next 2 ch-3 sp, *dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-5 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 26 groups of 4-dc, 26 ch-5 sp, and 39 ch-2 sp.

Row 6 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, *dc in next dc, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 13 groups of 4-dc, and 104 ch-3 sp.

Row 7 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, [ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp] twice, *dc in next dc, [ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, [dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sp] twice; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 52 ch-2 sp, and 13 ch-2 sp.

Row 8 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, [ch 2, dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2] twice, *dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2] twice; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, and 117 ch-2 sps.

Row 9 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, *dc, ch 4, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-2 sp, shell in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp; repeat from * 11 more times, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—14

shells, 26 dc, 24 ch-5 sp, and 43 ch-4 sp.

Row 10 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, 9 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, *sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 4, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp, 9 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-4 sp; repeat from * across to last 2 ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—14 shells, 13 groups of 9-tr, 2 ch-5 sp, and 50 ch-4 sp.

Row 11 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, *ch 5, sk next 2 ch-sp, dc in next tr, [ch 1, dc in next tr] 8 times, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—14 shells, 117 dc, 26 ch-5 sp, and 104 ch-1 sp.

Row 12 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, *ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-1 sp] 7 times, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—14 shells, 26 ch-5 sp, and 91 ch-4 sp.

Row 13 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 6 times, ch 4, sk next ch-5 sp, *double shell in ch-2 sp of next shell ch 4, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 6 times, ch 4, sk next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—2 shells, 12 double shells, and 104 ch-4 sp.

Row 14 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 5 times, ch 3, sk next ch-4 sp, *shell in first ch-2 sp of next double shell, ch 1, shell in last ch-2 sp of double shell, ch 3, sk next ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 5 times, ch 3, sk next ch-4 sp; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 sp of last shell—26 shells, 65 ch-4 sp, and 26 ch-3 sp.

Row 15 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 52 ch-4 sp, and 38 ch-3 sp.

Row 16 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 3 times, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] 3 times, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 39 ch-4 sp, and 50 ch-3 sp.

Row 17 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] twice, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp] twice, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 26 ch-4 sp, and 62 ch-3 sp.

Row 18 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, 6 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 12 groups of 6-dc, 13 ch-4



Tip

To make a longer shawl, add multiples of 27 chains to the foundation chain. Each additional multiple of 27 chains will add about 4½" (11.5cm) to the length.



sp, and 50 ch-3 sp.

Row 19 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 2, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 78 dc, 26 ch-3 sp, 24 ch-2 sp, and 60 ch-1 sp.

Row 20 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, *ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2,

sk next ch-2 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sk next 2 ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell; repeat from * across—26 shells, 84 ch-2 sp, and 13 ch-1 sp.

Row 21 Turn; sl st in first 2 dc, beg-shell dec in first ch-2 sp, *ch 4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (picot made), ch 1, [Cl in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1] 7 times, shell-dec; repeat from * across—13 shell-dec, 84 clusters, and 96 picots. Fasten off.

Second Half

Row 1 With wrong side facing and foundation ch at top, working across opposite side of foundation ch, join thread with sl st in ch at base of

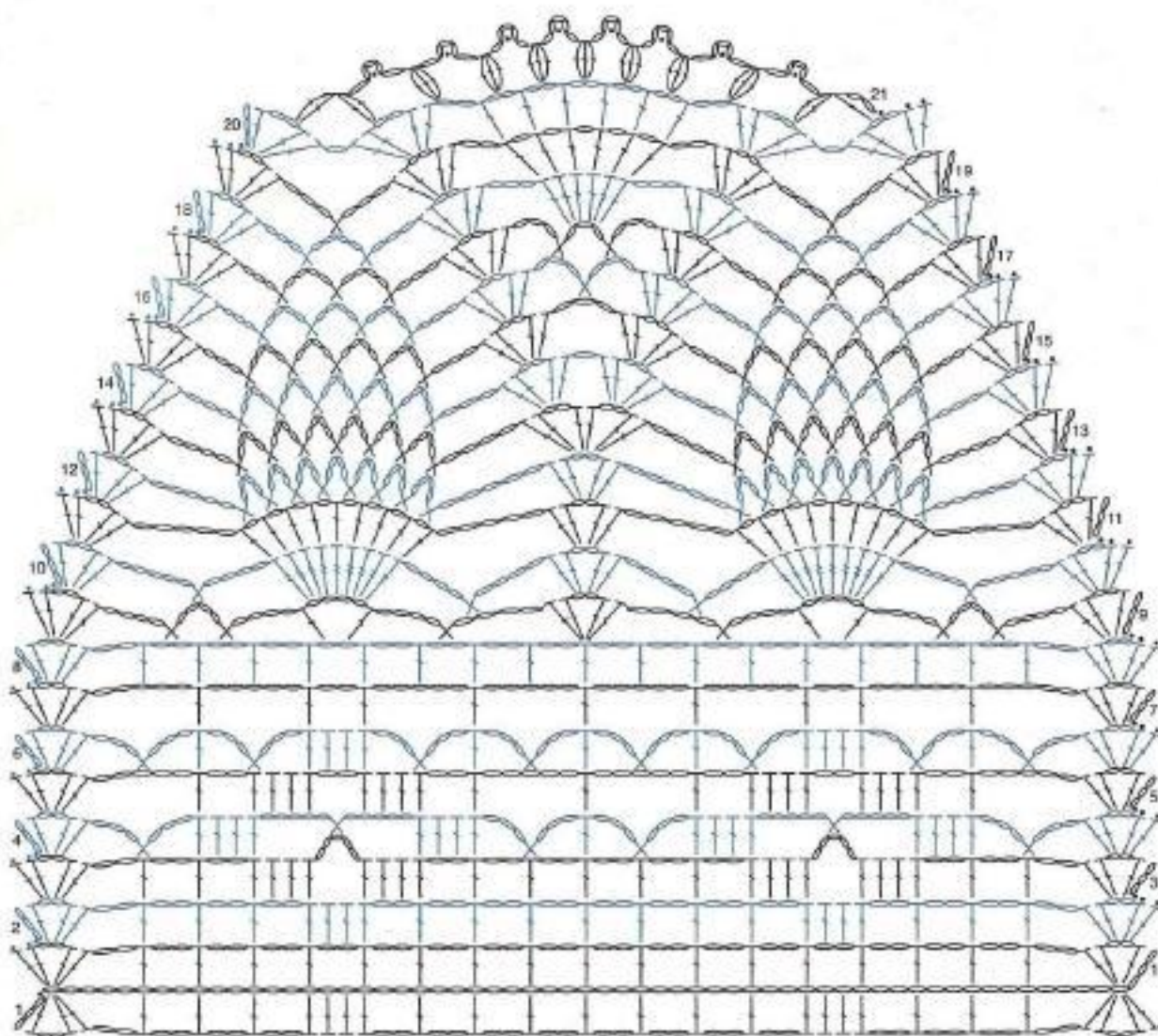
first shell, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same ch, ch 2, sk next 4 ch, dc in next ch, [ch 2, sk next 2 ch, dc in next ch] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next ch, * [ch 2, sk next 2 ch, dc in next ch] 8 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to 14 ch, [ch 2, sk next 2 ch, dc in next ch] 3 times, ch 2, sk next 4 ch, shell in last ch-2 shells, 13 groups of 4-dc, and 104 ch-2 sp.

Rows 2–20 Work same as Rows 3–21 of First Half. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN



Wedding Rings Blanket

A traditional double wedding ring quilt pattern, reinterpreted in crochet, makes an afghan with classic good looks. We think it's a wonderful gift for a bride and groom.

By Katherine Eng



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 4 skeins #313 Aran (A)
- 1 skein #885 Delft Blue (B)
- 1 skein #381 Light Blue (C)
- 1 skein #886 Blue (D)
- 1 skein #347 Lt. Periwinkle (E)
- 1 skein #385 Royal (F)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet tr treble crochet

• Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

shell Work 6 dc in indicated st.

the yarn



Super Saver in Delft Blue



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 54"/137cm x 54"/137cm

GAUGE

Center oval = 6½"/16.5cm long x 2¼"/5.5cm wide in center

Completed square = 9"/23cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Make 36 squares total, 18 each of Squares 1 and 2.

2 Use first color listed for Square 1 and 2nd color listed for Square 2.

AFGHAN

Square

Center Oval

With A/A, ch 16.

Round 1 (right side) Working in back bar of chs, sc in 2nd ch from hook; *sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 2 dc in next ch, tr in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, ch 2*; working in free loops on opposite side of chs, sc in first ch; repeat from * to * once; join with sl st in first sc—34 sts and 2 ch-2 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each st around, working (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc and 2 ch-3 sps. Fasten off.

Patches

Work patches all around center oval as follows:

Patch 1

With B/E, ch 6.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in back bar of 2nd ch from hook, [ch 1, sk next ch, sc in back bar of next ch] twice, with right side of center oval facing, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-3 at either end of center oval—3 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice.

Row 3 Repeat Row 2, sl st in next sc on center oval.

Rows 4 and 5 Repeat Rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.

Patch 2

Row 1 (right side) With right side facing, join C/B with sl st in first sc on Row 5 of previous patch, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sk next sc on center oval, sl st in next sc—3 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Rows 2–5 Work same as Rows 2–5 on Patch 1.

Patch 3

Row 1 (right side) With right side facing, join D/C with sl st in first sc on Row 5 of previous patch, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sl st in next sc on center oval—3 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Rows 2–5 Work same as Rows 2–5 on Patch 1.

Patch 4

With E/F, work same as Patch 2.

Patch 5

With B/B, work same as Patch 3.

Patch 6

With C/E, work same as Patch 2, working sl st at end of Row 5 into first ch of ch-3 at end of center oval.

Corner Square 1

With right side facing, join F/D with sl st in first sc on Row 5 of Patch 6.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice—4 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sc in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice.

Rows 4–6 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 once, then repeat Row 2 once more.

Fasten off, leaving a 7" tail for sewing.

Note Work Patches 7–12 across opposite side of oval.

Patch 7

With right side facing, join B/E with sl st in edge of Row 5 on Corner Square 1.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same row as joining, [ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of next row] 2 times, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-3 at end of center oval.



For a colorful, vintage effect, use scrap yarn for the patchy rings in this blanket.

Rows 2–5 Work same as Rows 2–5 on Patch 1.

Patches 8–12

Work same as Patches 2–6.

Corner Square 2

With right side facing, join F/D with sl st in first sc on Row 5 of Patch 12.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sl st in free loops of ch at base of last sc worked on Row 1 of Patch 1—4 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sc in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc] twice, sl st in free loops of ch at base of middle sc worked on Row 1 of Patch 1.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3, working sl st in free loops of ch at base of first sc worked on Row 1 of Patch 1.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, leaving a 7"/18cm tail for sewing.

Triangles

Note Triangles are worked along edges of Patches 1–6 and along edges of Patches 7–12 to shape squares.

With right side facing, join A with sl st in edge of Row 1 on Patch 1.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, working in edge of rows on patches, sc2tog in same row as joining and in next row, sc in next 26 rows, sc2tog in last 2 rows on Patch 6 (or Patch 12)—28 sc.

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc2tog, sc in

each sc across to last 3 sc, sc2tog, leaving last sc unworked—24 sc.

Row 3 Turn; sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—21 sc.

Rows 4 and 5 Repeat Row 3 twice. At end of Row 5—15 sc.

Rows 6–11 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog. At end of Row 11—3 sc.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in first 2 sc, sc2tog in same sc as last st and in last sc—2 sc.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog—1 sc. Fasten off, leaving a 16"/40cm tail for sewing.

Repeat Triangle on other side of Center Oval, joining to Patch 7.

ASSEMBLY

With right side of squares facing, using tails from triangles and corner squares, whip stitch squares together into 6 rows with 6 squares each as shown on assembly diagram.

Border

With right side facing, join A with sl st in sc on Row 13 on Triangle in any corner of assembled afghan.

Round 1 Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sc as joining, work 20 sc evenly spaced across each edge of triangles in corners, work 6 sc along edge of each corner square, work 21 sc evenly spaced across edge of each triangle between corners and (sc, ch 2, sc) in sc on Row 13 on each triangle in corners; join with sl st in first sc—648 sc (162 sc on each side) and 4 corner ch-2 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in

each sc around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—656 sc (164 sc on each side) and 4 corner ch-2 sps.

Round 3 (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in next sc; *shell in corner ch-2 sp, sk next sc, sc in next sc; **sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to next corner; repeat from ** around to beginning, omitting final sc of last repeat; join with sl st in first sc—112 shells (27 shells on each side and 1 shell in each corner). Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired.

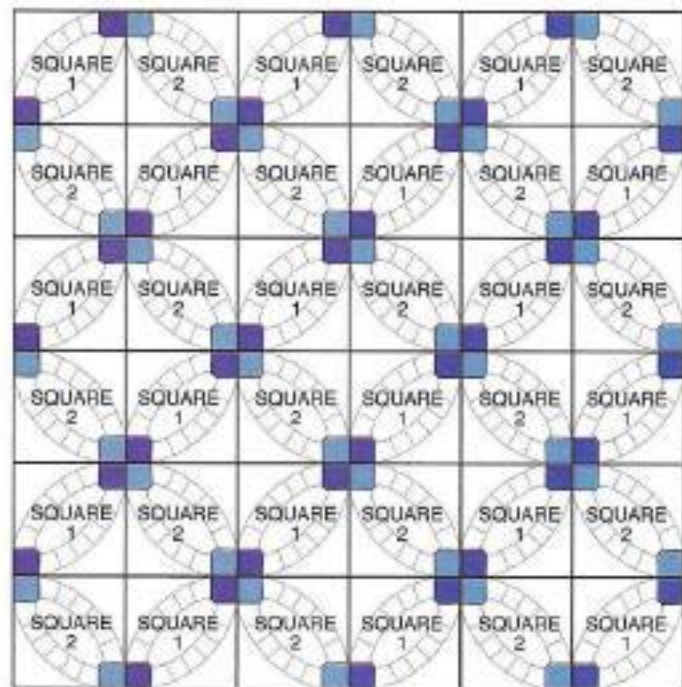
try this!

Use various shades of green instead of blue for an equally lovely blanket. Use (clockwise from top) #633 Dark Sage, #406 Medium Thyme, #368 Paddy Green, #624 Tea Leaf, and #631 Light Sage.

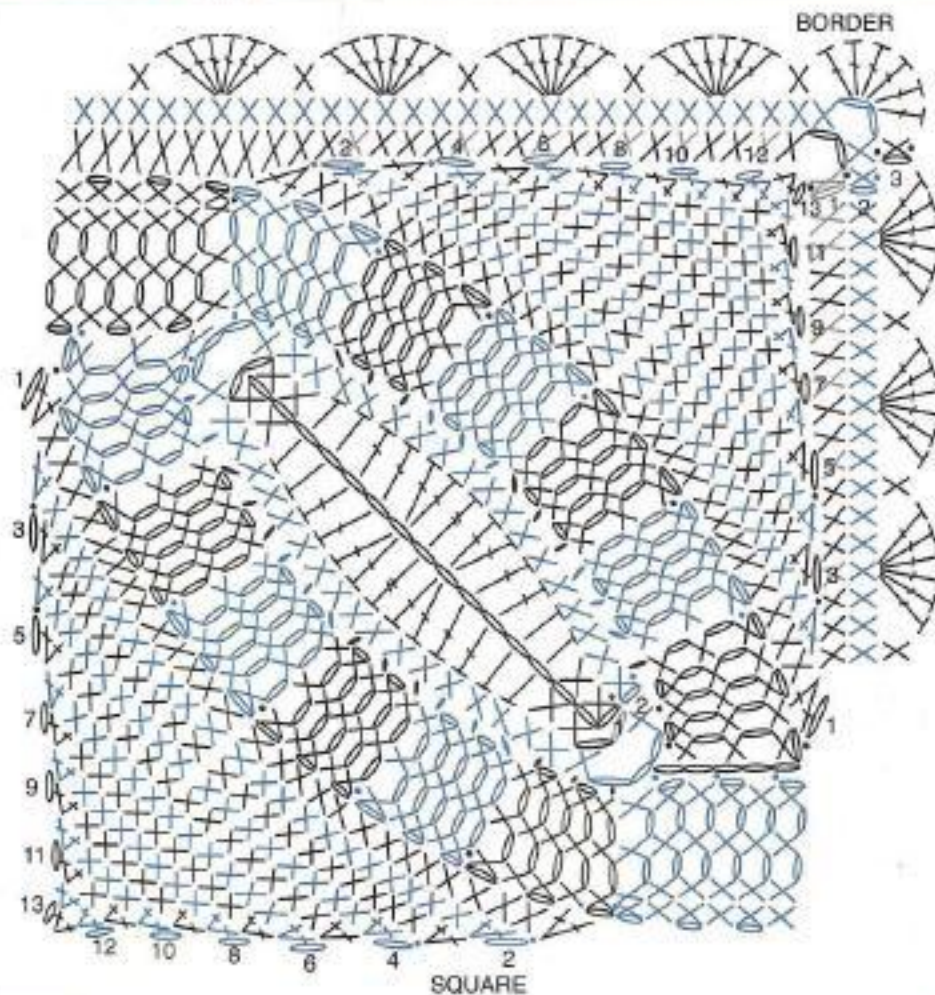




ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



STITCH DIAGRAM





Crochet Cake Toppers

Use these adorable mini confections as the top tier of a wedding cake, as place cards, or decoratively on the gift table! They make fantastic shower favors, too.

By Carrie Melago



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Shimmer, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 280yds/256m (acrylic/metallic polyester)

- 1 skein #1010 Snow (A)

AUNT LYDIA'S Fashion Crochet Thread, size 3, each ball approx 150yd/137m (cotton)

- 1 ball #175 Warm Blue (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Heavy cardstock or poster board
- Polyester fiberfill
- Hot glue gun
- Cellophane tape
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s)	sl st slip stitch
sc single crochet	sp(s) space(s)
sk skip	st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

the yarn 

Shimmer in Snow

Fashion Crochet Thread,
Size 3, in Warm Blue

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 3¼"/8.5cm high x 4¼"/11cm diameter at base, excluding piping

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 on First Tier = 2"/5cm diameter
Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

CAKE

Inserts

Cut heavy cardstock or poster board into the following pieces: 6"/15cm x ¾"/2cm for First Tier; 9½"/24cm x 1½"/2.5cm for Second Tier; 13"/33cm x 1¼"/3cm high for Third Tier. Form each piece into a ring, overlapping short ends approx ½"/1.5cm, and tape ends together.

First Tier

Starting at top with larger hook and A, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, 2 sc in next st; *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.

Rounds 3 and 4 Repeat Round 2—27 sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in back loop of same st as joining and in back loop of each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 7 and 8 Repeat Round 6, 2 more times.

Round 9 Repeat Round 5. Insert poster board on inside of tier.

Round 10 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc2tog; *sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc.

Rounds 11 and 12 Repeat Round 10—8 sc. Fasten off. Stuff lightly with fiberfill and weave tail through top of sts to close hole.

Piping on First Tier

With side of first tier facing, top of tier at top, and smaller hook, join B with sl st in remaining front loop of any st on Round 4; *ch 4, sk next st, sl st in front loop of next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in beginning sl st—13 ch-4 sps. Fasten off.

Second Tier

Starting at top with larger hook and A, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work same as Rounds 1–4 on First Tier.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next st, 2 sc in next st; *sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; *sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—45 sc.

Round 7 Work same as Round 5 on First Tier.

Rounds 8–11 Work same as Round 6 on First Tier.

Round 12 Work same as Round 5 on First Tier. Insert poster board on inside of tier.

Round 13 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 2 sts, sc2tog; *sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 14 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next st, sc2tog; *sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—27 sc.

Rounds 15–17 Work same as Rounds 10–12 on First Tier including stuffing and closing.

Piping on Second Tier

Work same as Piping on First Tier, working in front loop of sts on Round 6 of Second Tier—22 ch-4 sps. Fasten off.

Third Tier

Starting at top with larger hook and A, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–6 Work same as Rounds 1–6 on Second Tier.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times, sc in last 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc—52 sc.

Round 8 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 7 times, sc in last 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc—60 sc.

Round 9 Work same as Round 5 on First Tier.

Rounds 10–14 Work same as Round 6 on First Tier.

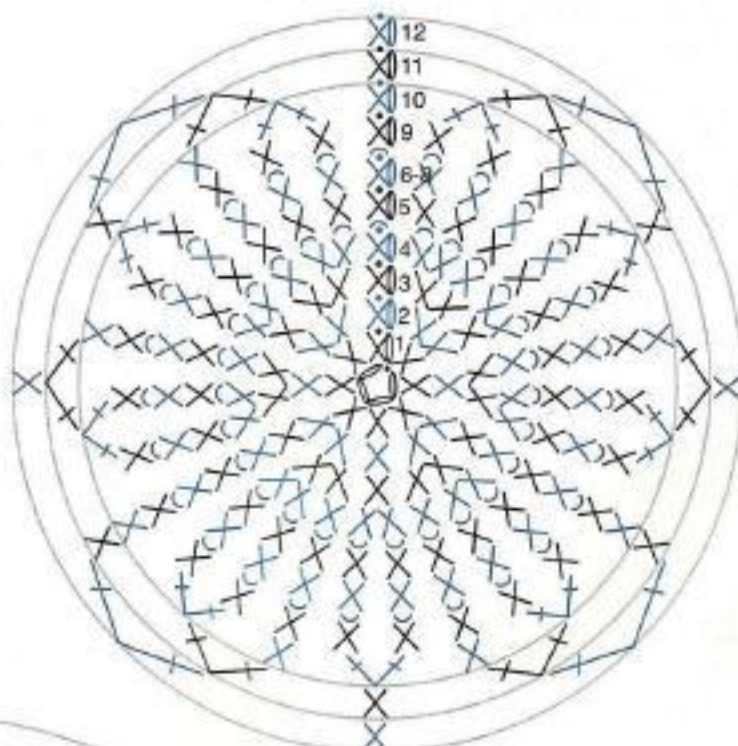
Round 15 Work same as Round 5 on First Tier. Insert post board on inside of tier.

Round 16 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 4 sts, sc2tog, [sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 7 times; sc in last 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc—52 sc.

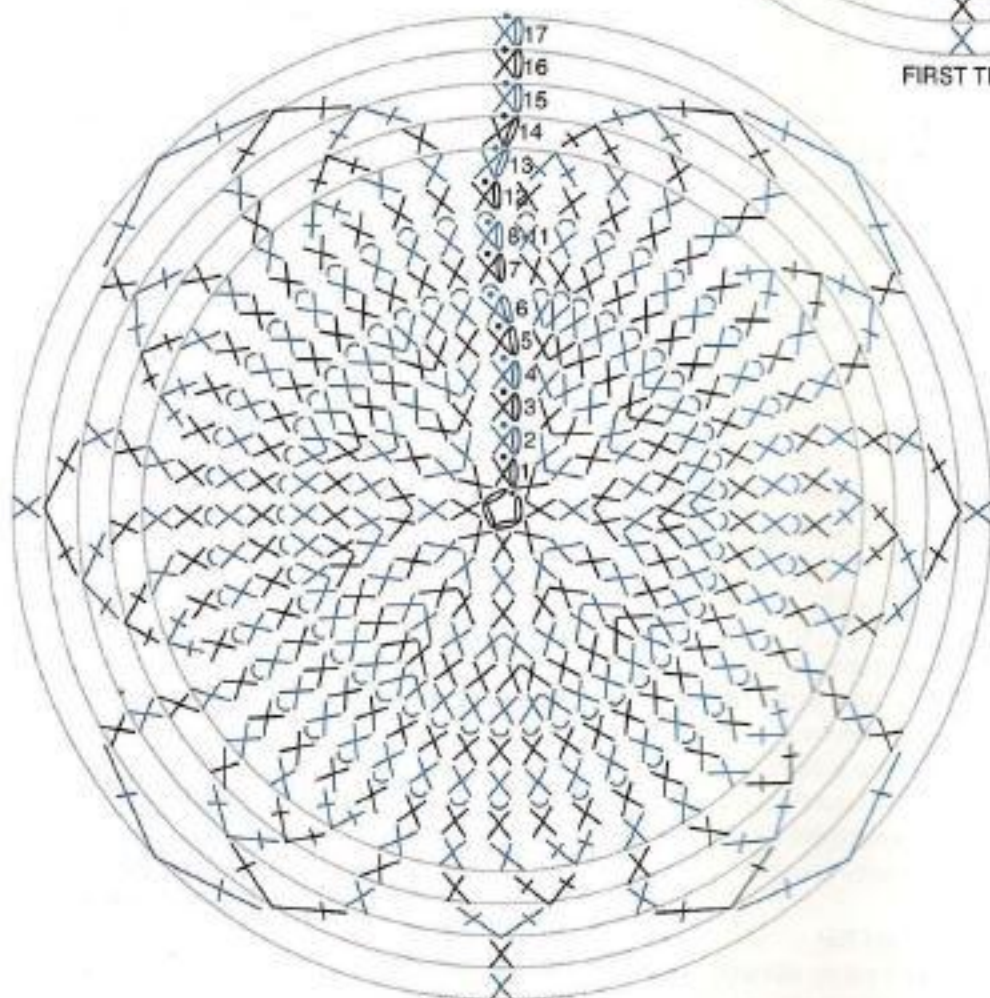
Round 17 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and



STITCH DIAGRAMS



FIRST TIER



SECOND TIER

try this!

Match the "piping" on the cakes to
your wedding colors! We love #775
Warm Rose or #871 Plum.





in next 4 sts, sc2tog, [sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; sc in last 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc—45 sc.

Rounds 18–22 Work same as Rounds 13–17 on Second Tier including stuffing and closing.

Upper Edge Piping on Third Tier

With side of Third Tier facing, top of tier at top, and smaller hook, join B with sl st in front loop of any st on Round 8; *ch 4, sk next st, sl st in front loop of next st; repeat from * around to

last st; ch 4, sk last st; join with sl st in beginning sl st—30 ch-4 sps. Fasten off.

Lower Edge Piping on Third Tier

With bottom of Third Tier facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in front loop of any st on Round 14.

Round 1 *Ch 6, sk next 3 sts, sl st in next st; repeat from * 13 more times; ch 6, sk last 3 sts; join with sl st in beginning sl st—15 ch-6 sps.

Round 2 *Work 6 sc in next ch-6 sp, sl st in

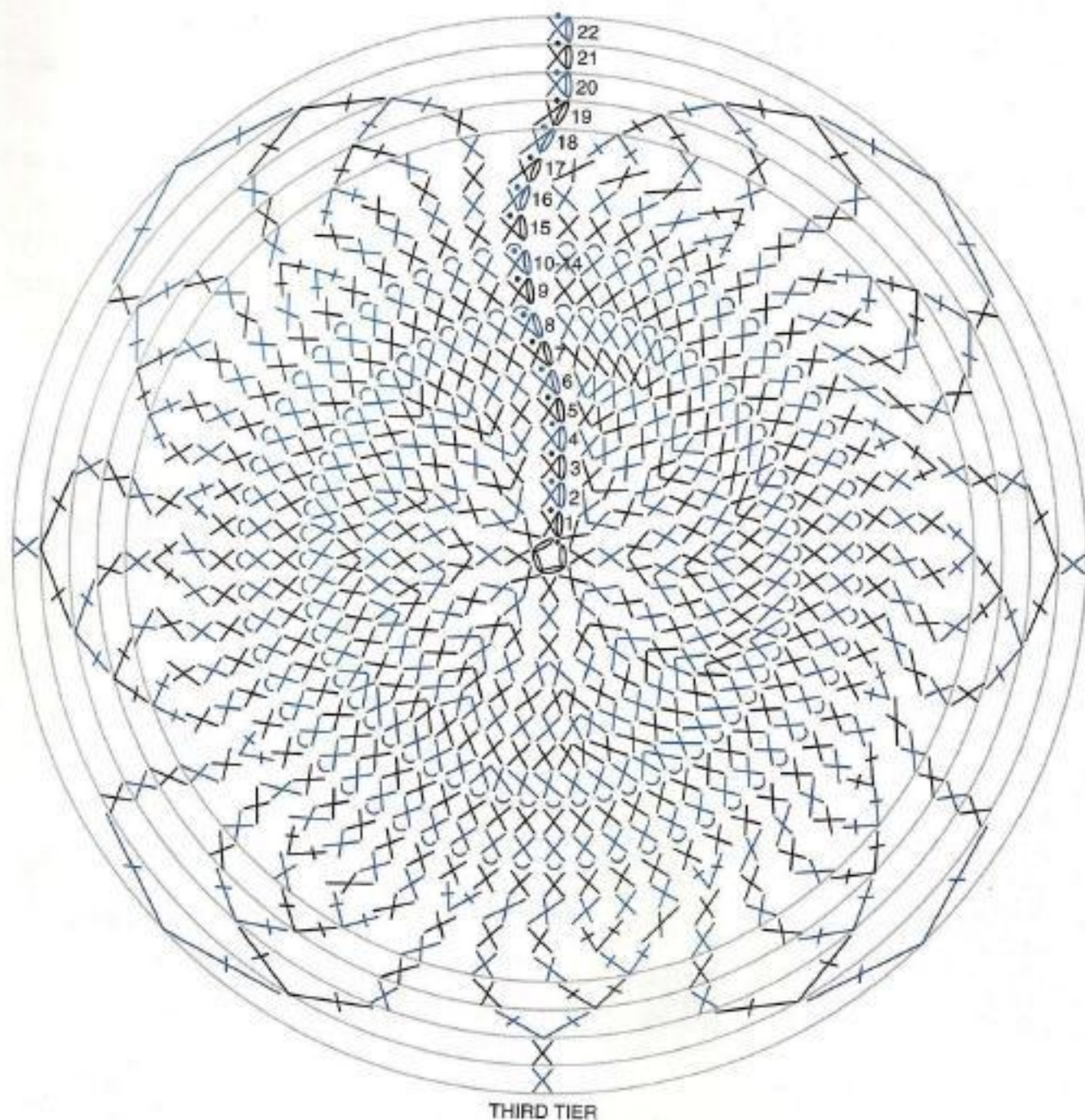
next sl st; repeat from * around—90 sc and 15 sl sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Assembly

Apply hot glue to bottom of First Tier, then center on top of Second Tier. Apply hot glue to bottom of Second Tier and center on top of Third Tier.



THIRD TIER

The Runaway Menagerie

The animals have escaped the zoo and are on their own adventures! The pandas are spending the day in the park while the lion signs up for the circus, and the monkey is taking his show on the road while the tortoises make a trip to the seashore. Everyone is having a grand old time—and so can you, if you stitch up your own zoo crew!

By Ana Paula Rimoli

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

1 skein each:

- 316 Soft White (A) for pandas
- 312 Black (B) for pandas
- 624 Tea Leaf (C) for pandas
- 406 Medium Thyme (D) for pandas
- 336 Warm Brown (E) for monkey and tortoises
- 332 Ranch Red (F) for monkey and bird
- 360 Café (G) for monkey
- 365 Coffee (H) for monkey
- 256 Carrot (I) for lion

RED HEART Stripes, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 170yd/156m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #936 Latte Stripe (J) for tortoises

RED HEART Fiesta, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 316yd/289m (acrylic/nylon)

- 1 skein #6250 Cornmeal (K) for lion

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Polyester fiberfill
- Black plastic eyes with safety backings (6mm for baby tortoise and bird, 9mm for baby panda and mama tortoise, 12mm for lion, monkey, and mama panda)
- 2 chenille stems for monkey's tail and lion's tail (optional)
- Tiny piece of tan felt (for beak and wings on bird)
- ¼" 1.5cm leaf button (for panda)
- 6-strand black embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations


ch(s)	chain(s)	sl st	slip stitch
hdc	half double crochet	sp(s)	space(s)
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sk	skip		

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

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SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

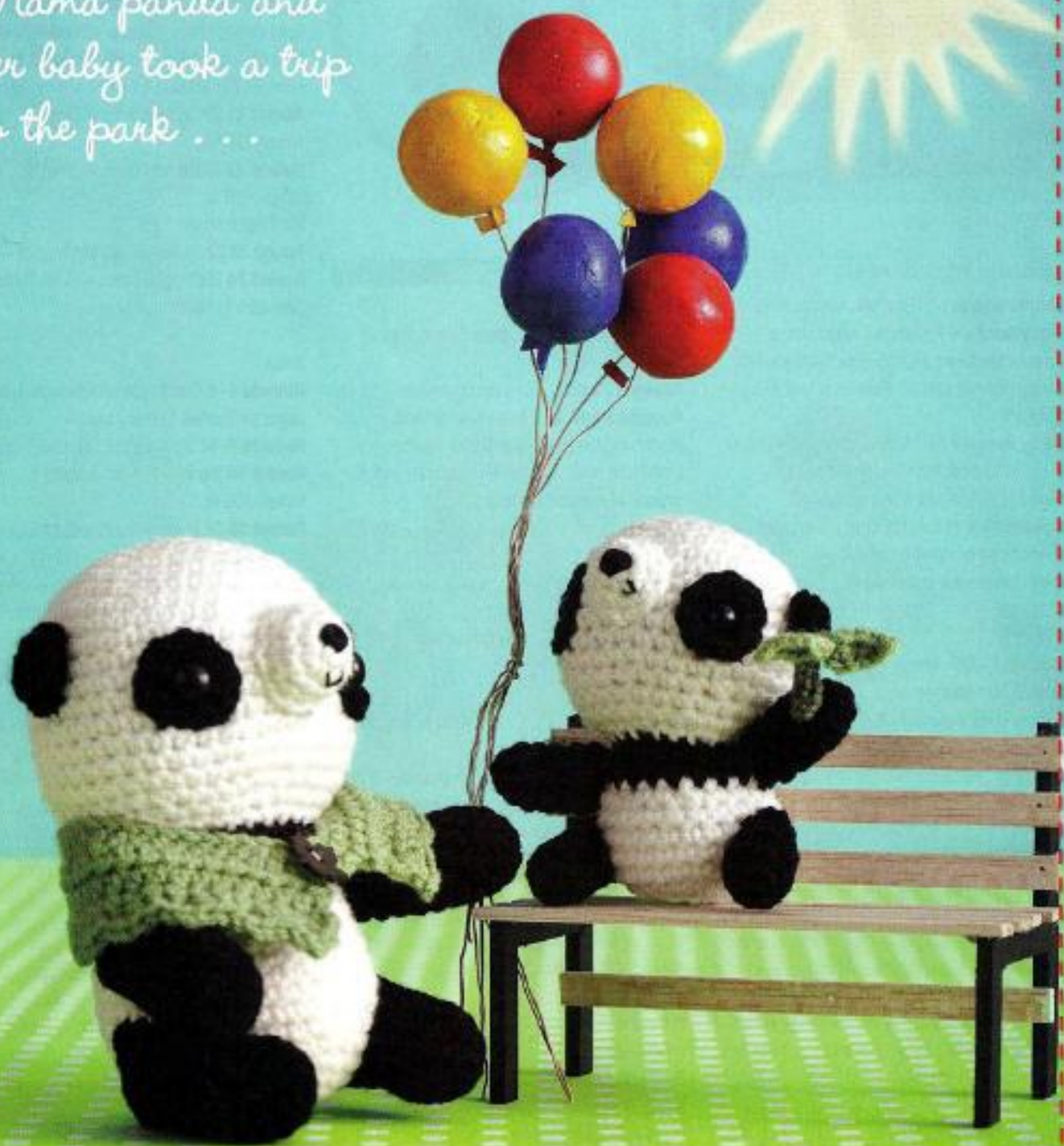
the yarn 

Super Saver in Black

Fiesta in Cornmeal

Stripes in Latte Stripe

Mama panda and
her baby took a trip
to the park . . .





FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

mama panda 6"/15cm tall, when sitting
baby panda 4"/10cm tall, when sitting
mama tortoise 4½"/11.5cm tall from feet to top of head (3¾"/9.5cm from feet to top of shell)
baby tortoise 3¾"/9.5cm from feet to top of head (3"/7.5cm from feet to top of shell)
lion 5½"/14cm tall, when sitting
monkey 7½"/19cm tall from toe to head (doesn't sit or stand on its own)
bird (on mama tortoise) 1½"/2.5cm tall

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 on Mama Panda head = 2¼"/5.5cm diameter
 Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

- 1 Use larger hook throughout except where noted.
- 2 Work pieces in rounds in a continuous spiral without joining or turning. To help keep place, insert a stitch marker in the last st of each round and move up to the last st in each round as work progresses. At end of each piece, sl st in next st before fastening off.
- 3 Though matching the stated gauge is not critical, work tightly so that stuffing does not show through stitches.
- 4 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook.



MAMA PANDA

Muzzle

- Round 1** With A, ch 2, work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.
Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Rounds 3 and 4 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Embroider nose and mouth on muzzle with 6 strands of embroidery floss.

Eyes (Make 2)

- Rounds 1 and 2** With B, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on muzzle. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Ears (Make 2)

- Round 1** With B, ch 2, work 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook—4 sc.
Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—8 sc.
Round 3 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head

- Rounds 1 and 2** Starting at top with A, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on muzzle.
Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.
Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.
Rounds 8–17 Sc in each sc around.

Round 18 [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 19 [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 20 Sc in each sc around.

Position eyes on head. Insert 12mm plastic eyes through hole in center of each eye and through head. Attach safety backings to plastic eyes. Stuff muzzle a little and sew in place.

Round 21 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 22 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Stuff head firmly.

Round 23 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 24 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off. Sew ears to head.

Body

- Rounds 1–6** Starting at bottom with A, work same as Rounds 1–6 on head.
Rounds 7–14 Sc in each sc around—36 sc.
Round 15 [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 16 Sc in each sc around, changing to B in last sc.
Rounds 17–19 With B, sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff body and sew to head.

Arms & Legs (Make 4)

- Rounds 1 and 2** With B, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on muzzle.
Rounds 3–12 Sc in each sc around—12 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff arms and legs. Sew open ends together and sew to body.

Shawl

- Row 1** (right side) With C, loosely ch 52, hdc in 8th ch from hook (buttonhole made), hdc in each remaining ch across—45 hdc.
Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc in each hdc across.
Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across—45 sc.
Row 5 Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc, [3 sc in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc] 14 times—15 scallops. Fasten off. Sew button in place on right side at end of Row 1.

The tortoise family
(and their bird friend)
went sailing at the
beach . . .





BABY PANDA

Muzzle

Round 1 With A, ch 2, work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 Sc in each sc around—10 sc. Fasten off. Embroider nose and smile on muzzle with 6 strands of embroidery floss.

Eyes

With B, work same as Mama Panda eyes.

Ears (Make 2)

Round 1 With B, ch 2, work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head

Rounds 1–5 Starting at top with A, work same as Rounds 1–5 on Mama Panda head.

Rounds 6–12 Sc in each sc around—30 sc.

Round 13 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Rounds 14 and 15 Sc in each sc around. Position eyes on head. Insert 9mm plastic eyes through hole in center of each eye and through head. Attach safety backings to plastic eyes. Stuff muzzle a little and sew in place.

Round 16 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Stuff head firmly.

Round 17 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 18 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off. Sew ears to head.

Body

Rounds 1–4 Starting at bottom with A, work same as Rounds 1–4 on Mama Panda head.

Rounds 5–8 Sc in each sc around—24 sc.

Round 9 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times, changing to B in last st—18 sc.

Rounds 10 and 11 With B, sc in each sc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff body and sew to head.

Arms and Legs (Make 4)

Rounds 1 and 2 With B, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Mama Panda ears.

Rounds 3–7 Sc in each sc around—8 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff arms and legs. Sew open ends together and sew to body.

BAMBOO

Branch

With smaller hook and D, loosely ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across. Fasten off.

Leaves (Make 2)

With smaller hook and C, loosely ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, sl st in last ch. Fasten off.

Sew leaves to branch. Sew branch to Baby Panda's arm.



MAMA TORTOISE

Shell Top

Rounds 1 and 2 With J, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Baby Panda muzzle.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—20 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—25 sc.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—30 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—35 sc.

Round 8 [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—40 sc.

Rounds 9–15 Sc in each sc around.

Round 16 Hdc in front loop of first 32 sc—32 hdc. Fasten off.

Shell Bottom

Round 1–8 With E, work same as Rounds 1–8 on shell top.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head and Neck

Rounds 1–4 Starting at top of head with E, work same as Rounds 1–4 on shell top.

Rounds 5–10 Sc in each sc around—20 sc. Position and attach 9mm plastic eyes with safety backings. Embroider smile with 6 strands of embroidery floss.

Round 11 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 5 times—15 sc.

Stuff head.

Rounds 12–25 Sc in each sc around, stuffing very lightly as you progress.

Fasten off. Sew open end together.

Assembly

Holding shell top upside down and using tail on shell bottom, sew top and bottom together, stitching under sts on last round of shell top and stitching only to hdc sts (not in unworked sts) on shell top. Stuff shell assembly firmly. Insert neck into unsewn space and sew around it, closing up shell. Sew neck to edge of shell.

Legs (Make 4)

Rounds 1–3 With E, work same as Rounds 1–3 on shell top.

Mister monkey took his song
and dance on the road . . .



Round 4 Sc in back loop of each sc around—15 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 5 times—10 sc.

Rounds 7–8 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff legs and sew to shell bottom.

WEE BIRD

Rounds 1 and 2 With smaller hook and F, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Baby Panda muzzle.

Rounds 3–5 Sc in each sc around—10 sc. Position and attach 6mm plastic eyes with safety backings. Cut a small felt oval, fold in half, and sew onto bird to create a beak.

Round 6 Repeat Round 3. Stuff a little.

Round 7 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sc. Fasten off. Cut out another felt oval and cut in half. Sew each half to sides to create wings as shown in photograph. Sew bird to Mama Tortoise.



BABY TORTOISE

Shell Top

Rounds 1–6 With J, work same as Rounds 1–6 on Mama Tortoise shell top.

Rounds 7–12 Sc in each sc around—30 sc.

Round 13 Hdc in front loop of first 25 sts—25 hdc. Fasten off.

Shell Bottom

Rounds 1–6 With E, work same as Rounds 1–6 on Mama Tortoise shell top. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head and Neck

Rounds 1–3 Starting at top of head with E, work same as Rounds 1–3 on Mama Tortoise shell top.

Rounds 4–8 Sc in each sc around—15 sc. Position and attach 6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings. Embroider smile with 6 strands of embroidery floss.

Round 9 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 5 times—10 sc.

Stuff head.

Rounds 10–18 Sc in each sc around, stuffing very lightly as you progress. Fasten off. Sew open end together.

Assembly

Follow instructions for Mama Tortoise assembly.

Legs (Make 4)

Rounds 1 and 2 With E, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Baby Panda muzzle.

Round 3 Sc in back loop of each sc around—10 sc. Stuff legs.

Round 4 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff legs and sew to shell bottom.

MONKEY

Muzzle

Rounds 1–3 With G, work same as Rounds 1–3 on Mama Tortoise shell top.

Round 4 Sc in each sc around—15 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Embroider nostrils and mouth on muzzle with 6 strands of embroidery floss.

Eyes (Make 2)

With G, make same as Mama Panda eyes.

Ears (Make 2)

Rounds 1 and 2 With G, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Baby Panda muzzle.

Rounds 3 and 4 Sc in each sc around—10 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end together.

Head

With H, make same as Mama Panda head.

Body

Rounds 1–5 Starting at bottom with H, work same as Rounds 1–5 on Mama Panda head.

Rounds 6–11 Sc in each sc around—30 sc.

Round 12 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.



The lion ran off and
joined the circus!



Rounds 13–16 Sc in each sc around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff body and sew to head.

Arms (Make 2)

Rounds 1 and 2 With G, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 on Baby panda muzzle.
Rounds 3–14 Sc in each sc around—10 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff arms, sew open end together, and sew arms to body.

Legs (Make 2)

Rounds 1–11 With G, work same as Rounds 1–11 on arms.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff legs, sew open end together, and sew legs to body.

Overalls

Round 1 (right side) Starting at top with F, ch 36; join with sl st to form a ring.
Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in each remaining ch around—36 sc.
Round 3 Sc in each sc around.
Round 4 Ch 3, sk next 3 sc, sc in each remaining sc around—33 sc and 1 ch-3 sp (for tail opening).
Round 5 Work 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each remaining sc—36 sc.
Rounds 6–10 Sc in each sc around.

First Leg Opening

Round 11 Sk next 18 sc, sc in each remaining sc—18 sc.
Round 12 Sc in each sc around, sl st in next sc. Fasten off.

Second Leg Opening

Round 11 With right side facing, join F with sl st in first skipped st on Round 10, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next 17 sc—18 sc.
Round 12 Work same as Round 12 on first leg opening.

Suspenders (Make 2)

With F, loosely ch 22, hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 hdc. Fasten off. With I, sew suspenders to top of pants and embroider stitch lines on pants as shown in photograph. Place overalls on monkey.

Tail

Round 1 With H, ch 2, work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.
Rounds 2–19 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Cut a chenille stem same length as tail and insert in tail so tail will bend. Sew open end together and sew in place.



LION

Muzzle

With E, make same as Monkey muzzle.

Ears (Make 2)

Round 1 With I, ch 2, work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc. Do not join.
Round 2 Sc in each sc around.
Round 3 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.
Round 4 Repeat Round 2.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head

With I, make same as Mama Panda head, omitting crochet eye pieces.

Mane

Join K with sl st in any sc on front of head, next to either ear, *ch 10, sl st in st next to previous st; repeat from * all over head, referring to photo and working mane on top, sides, and back of head. Fasten off.

Body

Rounds 1–4 Starting at bottom with I, work same as Rounds 1–4 on Mama Panda head.
Round 5 Sc in each sc around—24 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff body and sew to head.

Arms and Legs (Make 4)

Rounds 1–10 With I, work same as Rounds 1–10 on Monkey arms.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff arms and legs and sew to body.

Tail

With I, work same as Monkey tail. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Cut a chenille stem same length as tail and insert in tail so tail will bend. Sew open end together and sew tail to body. Join K with sl st in any sc at end of tail, (ch 8, sl st in next st) 5 times. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends...



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Lattice & Swirls Top

Worked in fine yarn and an open stitch, this fitted sweater is sure to flatter. A fun loopy edge adds a little pizzazz with a touch of retro flair.

By Robyn Chachula

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Heart & Sole, 1½oz/50g balls, each approx 213yd/195m (super-wash wool/nylon)

- 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) balls #3115 Ivory (A)
- 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) ball #3012 Black (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Spray bottle
- Rust-proof pins
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Heart & Sole in Black

Abbreviations

ch	chain	sk	skip
dc	double crochet	sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over insert hook in next indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

dc/trtog (double crochet/treble crochet 2 stitches together) Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; [yarn over] twice, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

hdc3tog (half double crochet 3 stitches together) [Yarn over insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 7 loops on hook.

hdc4tog (half double crochet 4 stitches together) [Yarn over insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop] 4 times, yarn over and draw through all 9 loops on hook.

PATTERN STITCH

Diamond Lattice Pattern (Multiple of 4 sts + 1)

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same ch (as last sc made), sk next 3 ch and work second leg in next ch, ch 2, sc in same ch (as second leg of dc2tog just made); repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 4 (counts as tr here and throughout), turn; dc in next dc2tog (turning ch and next dc count as first decrease), ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last sc, ch 2, dc/trtog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across working second leg of last dc2tog in last tr (top of turning ch), ch 2, sc in same tr.


Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for Diamond Lattice Pattern.

SIZES

XS (S, M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 33 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48)/84 (91.5, 99, 106.5, 114.5, 122)cm



---Sock
yarn makes this
piece light and
breathable.



Length 20 (20, 21½, 23, 24, 24)"/51 (51, 54.5, 58.5, 61)cm, including lower edging

GAUGE

5 pattern repeats and 12 rows = 3¾"/9.5cm over Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Note One pattern repeat consists of (sc, ch 2, dc2tog, ch 2, sc) (the "peak" of a diamond). Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 22.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same ch (as last sc made), sk next 3 ch and work second leg in next ch, ch 2, sc in same ch (as second leg of dc2tog just made); repeat from * across—5 pattern repeats.

Rows 2–11 Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern 5 times.

Row 12 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 3¾ x 3¾"/9.5 x 9.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 The decreases (dc2tog and dc/trtog) are worked over two stitches. The first leg of each decrease is worked in one indicated stitch and the second leg is worked in the next indicated stitch, before the final yarn over is worked. Take care to identify the correct two indicated stitches when working each decrease. The two stitches may not be right next to each other, and the first indicated stitch is often the same stitch into which the last stitch was made. See stitch diagram for a useful visual.

2 When instructed to work a stitch in the same stitch, this means that you should insert your hook into the same stitch as the last stitch that was made.

BACK

With A, ch 90 (98, 106, 114, 122, 130).

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same ch (as last sc made), sk next 3 ch and work second leg in next ch, ch 2, sc in same ch (as second leg of dc2tog just made); repeat from * across—22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) pattern repeats.

Rows 2–35 (35, 35, 39, 39, 39) Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern 17 (17, 17, 19, 19, 19) times.

Row 36 (36, 36, 40, 40, 40) Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog] 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) times, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) decreases (dc2tog or dc/trtog), [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next decrease] 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) times—20 (22, 24, 24, 26, 26) pattern repeats. Fasten off.

Row 2 Turn; join A with sc in first dc2tog, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, *ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog; repeat from * across (do not work ch 2, and sc in space between legs of last dc2tog)—19 (21, 23, 23, 25, 25) pattern repeats.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across—18 (20, 22, 22, 24, 24) pattern repeats.

Rows 4–13 (13, 17, 17, 21, 21) Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern 5 (5, 7, 7, 9, 9) times.

Row 14 (14, 18, 18, 22, 22) Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, [ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog] 3 (4, 5, 4, 5, 5) times; leave remaining sts unworked—3 (4, 5, 4, 5, 5) pattern repeats.

Rows 2–7 Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern 3 times.

Row 8 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Row 9 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog; repeat from * across working last sc in space between

last dc and last tr (turning ch). Fasten off.

Second Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Join A with sl st in last sc of Row 1 of first shoulder, [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog] 12 (12, 12, 14, 14, 14) times, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st (as last sc made) and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog; repeat from * across working second leg of last dc2tog in last tr (top of turning ch), ch 2, sc in same tr.

Rows 2–9 Work Rows 2–9 of first shoulder. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as back through Row 8 (8, 12, 12, 16, 16) of armhole shaping.

First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, [ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog] 5 (6, 7, 6, 7, 7) times, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, (do not work ch 2, and sc in space between legs of dc2tog); leave remaining sts unworked—6 (7, 8, 7, 8, 8) pattern repeats.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last sc, ch 2, dc/trtog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last dc2tog, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in last dc2tog, (do not work ch 2, and sc in space between legs of last dc2tog)—5 (6, 7, 6, 7, 7) pattern repeats.

Rows 4 and 5 Repeat last 2 rows once—4 (5, 6, 5, 6, 6) pattern repeats.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across—3 (4, 5, 4, 5, 5) pattern repeats.



Rows 8–13 Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern 3 times.

Row 14 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog; repeat from * across working last sc in space between last dc and last tr (turning ch). Fasten off.

Second Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Join A with sl st in same st as last st of Row 1 of first shoulder, [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog] 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8) times, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st (as last sc made) and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog; repeat from * across working second leg of last dc2tog in last tr (top of turning ch), ch 2, sc in same tr—6 (7, 8, 7, 8, 8) pattern repeats].

Row 2 Ch 4 (counts as tr), turn; dc in next dc2tog (turning ch and next dc count as first decrease), ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last dc2tog, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and

second leg in last dc2tog (do not work ch 2, and sc in same dc2tog).

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same st and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across.

Rows 4–7 Repeat last 2 rows twice—3 (4, 5, 4, 5, 5) pattern repeats.

Rows 8–15 Work Rows 8–15 of first shoulder. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 66 (66, 82, 82, 98, 98).

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same ch (as last sc made), sk next 3 ch and work second leg in next ch, ch 2, sc in same ch (as second leg of dc2tog just made); repeat from * across—16 (16, 20, 20, 24, 24) pattern repeats.

Rows 2–5 Work Rows 2 and 3 of Diamond Lattice Pattern twice.

Row 6 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lace Pattern.

Shape Cap

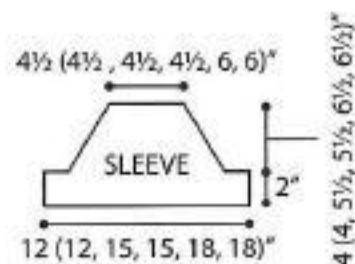
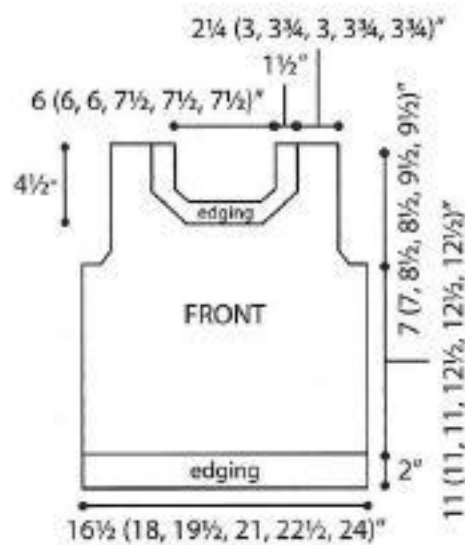
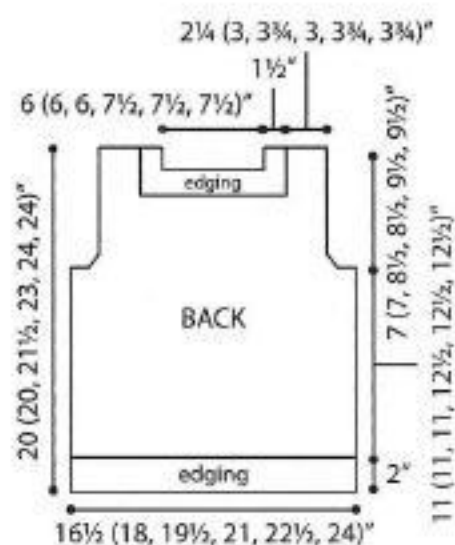
Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog] 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) times, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog;

repeat from * across to last 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) decreases, [ch 3, sc in space between legs of next decrease] 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) times—12 (12, 14, 14, 18, 18) pattern repeats. Fasten off.

Row 2 Turn; join A with sc in first dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last dc2tog, ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in last dc2tog (do not work ch 2, sc in last dc2tog)—11 (11, 13, 13, 17, 17) pattern repeats.



SCHEMATICS



Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc2tog, *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across—10 (10, 12, 12, 16, 16) pattern repeats.

Row 4 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Rows 5 and 6 Ch 1, turn; sc in first decrease (dc2tog or dc/trtog), *ch 2, dc2tog work first leg in same decrease and second leg in next dc2tog, ch 2, sc in space between legs of same dc2tog; repeat from * across to last dc2tog, dc2tog work first leg in same dc2tog and second leg in next dc2tog (do not work ch 2, sc in last dc2tog)—9 (9, 11, 11, 15, 15) pattern repeats.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3 (of cap shaping)—8 (8, 10, 10, 14, 14) pattern repeats.

Row 8 Work Row 2 of Diamond Lattice Pattern.

Rows 9–12 (12, 16, 16, 20, 20) Repeat Rows 5–8 (of cap shaping) 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more times.

Row 13 (13, 17, 17, 21, 21) Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc/trtog, *ch 3, sc in space between legs of next dc2tog; repeat from * across—6 (6, 6, 8, 8) ch-3 sp. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Blocking Pin back, front, and sleeves to schematic measurements. Spray pieces with

water and allow to dry.

Assembly Pin right sides of back and front together. With yarn needle, whip stitch shoulder and side seams. Pin right sides of sleeves to body, whip stitch sleeve to body. Whip stitch underarm seam. Turn right side out.

Lower Edging

With right side facing, join A with sl st in lower edge of back.

Round 1 Ch 1, working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 2–9 Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off A.

Round 10 Join B with sc in first hdc, sc in each hdc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

Neck Edging

With right side facing, join A with sl st in back neck edge.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc evenly spaced around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 2, hdc in each st around, working hdc4tog in corners of back and hdc3tog in corners of front neck; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Rounds 3–7 Ch 2, hdc in each space between hdc around, working hdc2tog in each corner of neck; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off A.

Round 8 Join B with sc in first hdc, sc in each hdc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

Sleeve Edging

With right side facing, join A with sl st in sleeve edge.

Round 1 Ch 1, working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A.

Rounds 2 and 3 Join B with sc in first sc, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

Loop Trim

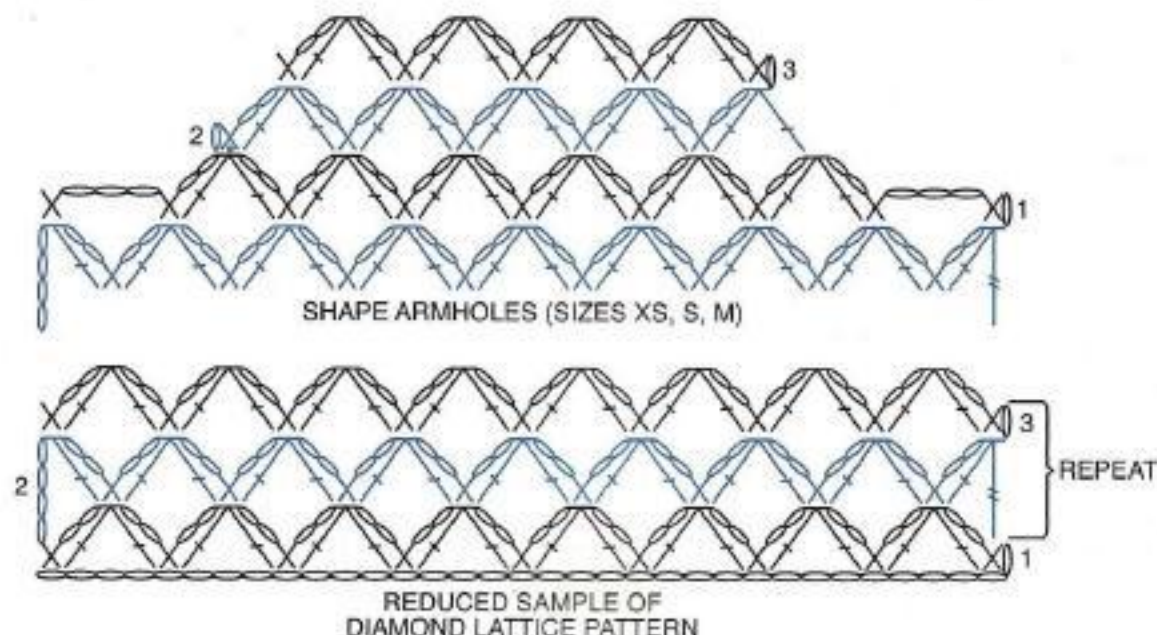
With B, ch 257 (257, 257, 291, 291, 291)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *2 sc in next 2 ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

Using photograph as a guide, arrange and pin loop trim around neck edging. With yarn needle and B, sew loop trim in place.

Weave in all ends...

STITCH DIAGRAM





May Flowers Tote

Flowered handles make this tote especially cute and springy, and the construction is basic enough for beginners. Go for it, newbies!

By Marty Miller



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g skeins, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 skeins #9440 Light Grey Heather

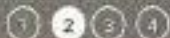
CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 1 pair handles (15"/38cm Sky Blue Flower leather handles from www.superbuzzy.com)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Soft Yarn in Light Grey Heather

Abbreviations

ch(s)	chain(s)	sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet	sp(s)	space(s)
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.			

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12½"/32cm wide x 9½"/24cm high x 3½"/9cm deep (without handles)

GAUGE

13 sts and 14 rows in pattern = 4"/10cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Rows 1–14 Work same as Rows 1–14 on Front of tote—13 sts. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Front, Back, and Side Gussets of tote are worked vertically from one side edge to other side edge.

TOTE

Front

Ch 30.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—29 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc; *dc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—15 sc and 14 dc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across—29 sc.

Rows 4–41 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 alternately, 19 more times. Do not fasten off.

Border

Working down side, ch 1, 2 sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next row and in edge of each row across to last row, 2 sc in edge of last row; rotate piece to work in bottom of beginning chs, sc in first ch and in each ch across; rotate piece to work up opposite side, 2 sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of next row and in edge of each row across to last row, 2 sc in edge of





last row; rotate piece to work in top edge, sc in first sc and in each sc across; join with sl st in first sc—144 sc. Fasten off.

Back

Work same as Front, including Border.

Side Gusset (Make 2)

Ch 30.

Rows 1–9 Work same as Rows 1–9 on Front—29 sts. Do not fasten off.

Border

Work same as Border on Front—80 sc.

Bottom Gusset

Ch 10.

Rows 1–41 Work same as Rows 1–41 on Front—9 sts. Do not fasten off.

Border

Work same as Border on Front—104 sc.

FINISHING

Assembly

With wrong sides together, pin one short edge of Front to one long edge of one Side Gusset. Pin other short edge of Front to one long edge of other Side Gusset. Pin short edges of Back to other long edges of gussets. With Front piece facing, join yarn with sl st in corner of Front and Side Gusset, ch 1; working through both layers, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc across to next corner, sc in corner sc. Fasten off. Repeat for other Front side seam. Repeat for Back side seams. With wrong sides

together, pin Bottom Gusset to bottom edges of Front, Back and Side Gussets. With Front piece facing, join yarn with sl st in bottom corner of Front and Bottom Gusset, ch 1; working through both layers, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around entire bottom of tote, joining Front, Back and Side Gussets to Bottom Gusset; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in any corner sc on top edge of tote, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around, skipping side seams; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Handles

Sew handles to front and back of tote, referring to photo for placement.

Weave in all ends...*~*~*

try this!

This bag would look great in other colors, too—find matching handles to #9520 Seafoam or #4604 Navy.



For a "scrappy" bag, use different colors of yarn for each piece of the tote.



STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE
OF FRONT PATTERN

Stripey Spring Cardi

The classic chevron sweater gets an update with alpaca-wool yarn and thoroughly modern colors. We love this piece over almost anything, from jeans to spring dresses!

By Mari Lynn Patrick

What You'll Need

YARN

STITCH NATION BY DEBBIE STOLLER
Alpaca Love, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 132yd/121m (wool/alpaca)

- 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) balls #3810 Lake (A)
- 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) balls #3520 Peacock Feather (B)
- 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) balls #3620 Fern (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook (for front band only)

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- 6 buttons, 1 1/2" diameter
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Alpaca Love in Lake

Abbreviations

ch	chain	sk	skip
dc	double crochet	sl st	slip stitch
hdc	half double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	tr	treble crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

chest 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)"/86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127, 137)cm, including front band
length 22 (22 1/2, 23, 23 1/2, 24, 24 1/2)"/56 (57, 58.5, 59.5, 61, 62)cm, measured from back neck to lower edge (not including chevron point)

GAUGE

14 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm over dc using larger hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With larger hook, ch 16.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across (beginning ch counts as first dc)—14 dc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.


NOTE

To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over; yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Proceed with new color. Do not fasten off old color. Carry colors not in use up side of piece until needed again. Take care to hide carried strands in the seams or under the edging when finishing the cardigan.

BACK

With larger hook and A, ch 66 (73, 80, 87, 94, 101).

Row 1 (right side) With A, dc in 4th ch from



Alpaca-
wool yarn makes
this piece light yet
warm and delight-
fully soft.

hook and in each ch across (beginning ch counts as first dc); change to B in last st—64 (71, 78, 85, 92, 99) dc.

Continue to change color in the following color sequence throughout: *1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C; repeat from * as needed.

Rows 2–8 Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across.

Row 9 (decrease row) Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each dc to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—62 (69, 76, 83, 90, 97) sts.

Rows 10–25 Repeat last 8 rows 2 more times—58 (65, 72, 79, 86, 93) sts.

Row 26 Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across. Repeat last row until piece measures approx 15"/38cm from beginning; end with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts, ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 7 (7, 9, 9, 11, 11) sts, dc2tog, dc in next dc; leave remaining sts unworked—48 (55, 58, 65, 68, 75) sts.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—46 (53, 56, 63, 66, 73) sts.

Repeat last row 0 (2, 2, 4, 4, 6) more

times—46 (49, 52, 55, 58, 61) sts.

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across. Repeat last row until armhole measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)"/18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) dc, hdc in next 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) dc, dc in next 3 dc, tr in next 3 tr; leave remaining sts unworked—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) sts. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Sk next 24 (25, 26, 27, 28, 29) unworked sts following first shoulder (for back neck), join yarn with sl st in next dc.

Row 1 Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc, hdc in next 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) dc, sc in last 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) dc—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) sts. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

With larger hook and A, ch 46 (50, 54, 56, 60, 64).

Note Move point marker up as work progresses.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook

(beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in next 13 (15, 17, 18, 20, 22) ch, [dc2tog] twice, place a marker between the two dc2tog (for point), dc in each ch across; change to B in last st—42 (46, 50, 52, 56, 60) dc.

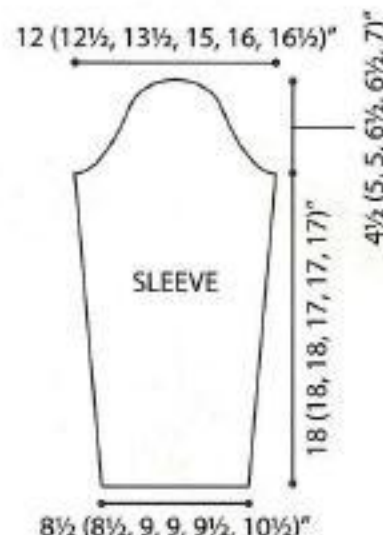
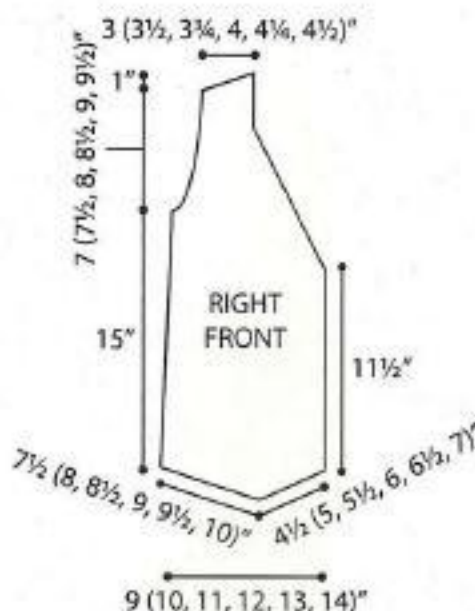
Note In next row, two decreases are worked at the center point, one increase at the front edge, and no increase at the side edge, for a total decrease of one stitch in the row. This causes the front edge to remain straight but the side edge to slope slightly.

Row 2 With B and working in back loops only, ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc (increase made at front edge), dc in last dc; change to C in last st—41 (45, 49, 51, 55, 59) dc.

Note In next row, two decreases are worked at the center point, one increase at the front edge, and one increase at the side edge, for no change to the stitch count. Both the front and sides edges remain straight.

Row 3 With C and working in back loops only, ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next dc, dc in each dc across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last dc; change to A in last st.

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Continue to change color in the following color sequence throughout: *1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C; repeat from * as needed.

Rows 4–19 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 eight times—33 (37, 41, 43, 47, 51) dc.

Row 20 Repeat Row 2—32 (36, 40, 42, 46, 50) dc.

Shape Neck

Note Increases are no longer worked at the front/neck edge. This causes the neck edge to slope.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3, turn; dc in each st across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in last st—31 (35, 39, 41, 45, 49) dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next st, dc in each

dc to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across—30 (34, 38, 40, 44, 48) dc.

Rows 3–6 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—26 (30, 34, 36, 40, 44) dc.

Shape Armhole

Note The chevron pattern is now discontinued.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 7 (7, 9, 9, 11, 11) sts, dc2tog, dc in next dc; leave remaining sts unworked—20 (24, 26, 28, 30, 34) dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—18 (22, 24, 26, 28, 32) dc.

Repeat last row 0 (2, 2, 4, 4, 6) more times—18 (18, 20, 18, 20, 20) dc.

Next Row (right side) Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in

each st across—17 (17, 19, 17, 19, 19) dc.

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—16 (16, 18, 16, 18, 18) dc.

Next 4 (4, 4, 2, 2, 2) Rows Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 2, 1, 1, 1) more times—12 (12, 14, 14, 16, 16) dc.

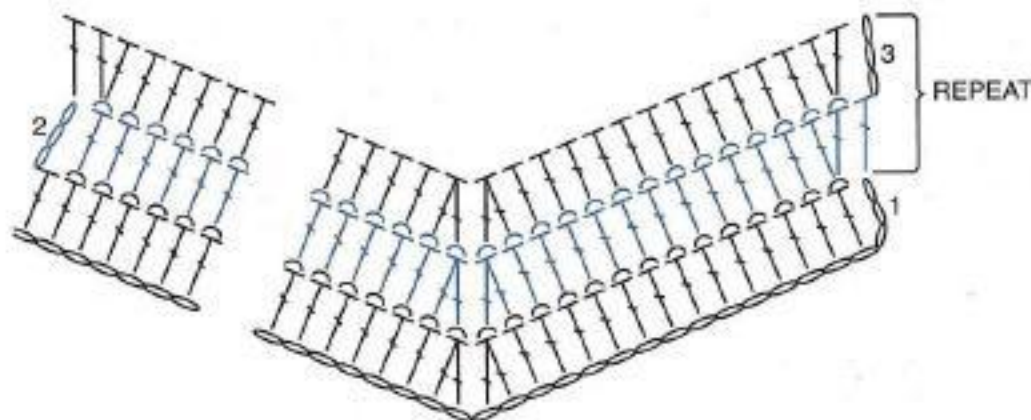
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Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) dc.

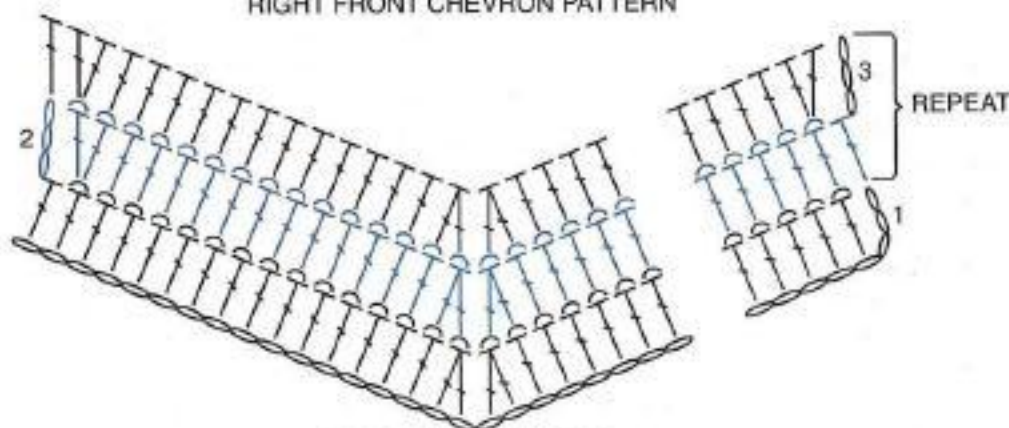
All Sizes

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across. Repeat last row until right front measures same as back to shoulder, ending with a wrong side row.

STITCH DIAGRAMS



REDUCED SAMPLE OF
RIGHT FRONT CHEVRON PATTERN



REDUCED SAMPLE OF
LEFT FRONT CHEVRON PATTERN





Shape Shoulder

Row 1 (right side) Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc, hdc in next 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) dc, sc in last 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) dc—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) sts. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT

With larger hook and A, ch 46 (50, 54, 56, 60, 64).

Note Move point marker up as work progresses.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in next 23 (25, 27, 28, 30, 32) ch, [dc2tog] twice, place a marker between the two dc2tog (for point), dc in each ch across; change to B in last st—42 (46, 50, 52, 56, 60) dc.

Row 2 With B and working in back loops only, ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next dc, dc in each dc across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across; change to C in last st—41 (45, 49, 51, 55, 59) dc.

Row 3 With C and working in back loops only, ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next dc, dc in each dc across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last dc; change to A in last st. Continue to change color in the following color sequence throughout: *1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C; repeat from * as needed.

Rows 4–19 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 eight times—33 (37, 41, 43, 47, 51) dc.

Row 20 Repeat Row 2—32 (36, 40, 42, 46, 50) dc.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next st, dc in each dc to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc across—31 (35, 39, 41, 45, 49) dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; dc in each st across to 2 sts before point marker, [dc2tog] twice, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in last st—30 (34, 38, 40, 44, 48) dc.

Rows 3–6 Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—26 (30, 34, 36, 40, 44) dc.

Shape Armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts, ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—20

(24, 26, 28, 30, 34) dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—18 (22, 24, 26, 28, 32) dc.

Repeat last row 0 (2, 2, 4, 4, 6) more times—18 (18, 20, 18, 20, 20) sts.

Next Row (right side) Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—17 (17, 18, 17, 19, 19) dc.

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across—16 (16, 18, 16, 18, 18) dc.

Next 4 (4, 4, 2, 2, 2) Rows Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 2, 1, 1, 1) more times—12 (12, 14, 14, 16, 16) dc.

Sizes S (L, 2X) Only

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) dc.

All Sizes

Next Row Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across. Repeat last row until left front measures same as back to shoulder, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulder

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) dc, hdc in next 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) dc, dc in next 3 dc, tr in next 3 tr; leave remaining sts unworked—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) sts. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With larger hook and A, ch 32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 38).

Row 1 (right side) With A, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across (beginning ch counts as first dc); change to B in last st—30 (30, 32, 32, 34, 36) dc.

Continue to change color in the following color sequence throughout: *1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C; repeat from * as needed.

Rows 2–6 Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across.

Row 7 (increase row) Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next dc, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last dc—32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 38) dc.

Rows 8–27 (25, 28, 25, 27, 27) Repeat last 4 (3, 3, 2, 2, 2) rows 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 10) more times—42 (44, 48, 52, 56, 58) dc.

Row 28 (26, 29, 26, 28, 28) Ch 3, turn; dc in each dc across.

Repeat last row until piece measures approx 18 (18, 18, 17, 17, 17)"/45.5 (45.5, 45.5, 43, 43, 43)cm from beg; end with a wrong side row.

Tip If possible, end with same color as last row before armhole shaping of fronts.

Shape Cap

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts, ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 7 (7, 9, 9, 11, 11) sts, dc2tog, dc in next dc; leave remaining sts unworked—32 (34, 34, 38, 38, 40) sts.

Rows 2–7 (8, 8, 10, 10, 11) Ch 3, turn; dc2tog, dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last dc—20 sts.

Row 8 (9, 9, 11, 11, 12) Ch 3, turn; [dc2tog] twice, dc in each dc to last 5 dc, [dc2tog] twice, dc in last dc—16 sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

seam shoulders Hold right sides of fronts and back together. Working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sl st in corner of one shoulder, sl st across to seam shoulder. Fasten off. Repeat to seam other shoulder.

seam sides and sleeves Sl st side and sleeve seams in same manner as shoulder seams.

Sew top of sleeves into armholes, easing as needed.

Front Band

With right side facing and smaller hook, join B with sc in lower front corner.

Row 1 Sc evenly up front edge, around neck, and down other front edge; change to C in last st.

Row 2 With C, ch 4, working through back loops only, tr in each sc across. Fasten off. Sew buttons evenly spaced across left front band as follows, sew first button near top of neck shaping, last button in line with lowest strip, and space other two buttons evenly between. Use spaces between the tr stitches of right front band for buttonholes.

Weave in all ends. 



Spring Scoop Neck

Every girl needs a go-to pullover, and this sweater is just the thing. Toss it on over any top—it's a spring essential!

By Melissa Leapman



What You'll Need

YARN

STITCH NATION BY DEBBIE STOLLER
Bamboo Ewe, 3½oz/100g balls, each
approx 177yd/162m (wool/viscose from
bamboo)

- 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) balls #5510 Beach Glass

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or
any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: intermediate



the yarn



Bamboo Ewe in
Beach Glass



Abbreviations

ch chain sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet tr treble crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many
times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of
times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches
together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next
stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn
over and draw through 2 loops on hook]
twice, yarn over and draw through all 3
loops on hook.

PATTERN STITCH

Textured Pattern (Multiple of 2 sts + 1)

Row 1 Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn; dc in next
dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from *
across to last st, hdc in last st.

Repeat Row 1 for Textured Pattern

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

chest 35 (38, 41, 45, 50)*/89 (96.5, 104,
114.5, 127)cm

length 22 (22½, 22½, 23, 23½)*/56 (57, 57,
58.5, 59.5)cm

GAUGE

14 sts and 11 rows = 4"/10cm over Textured
Pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

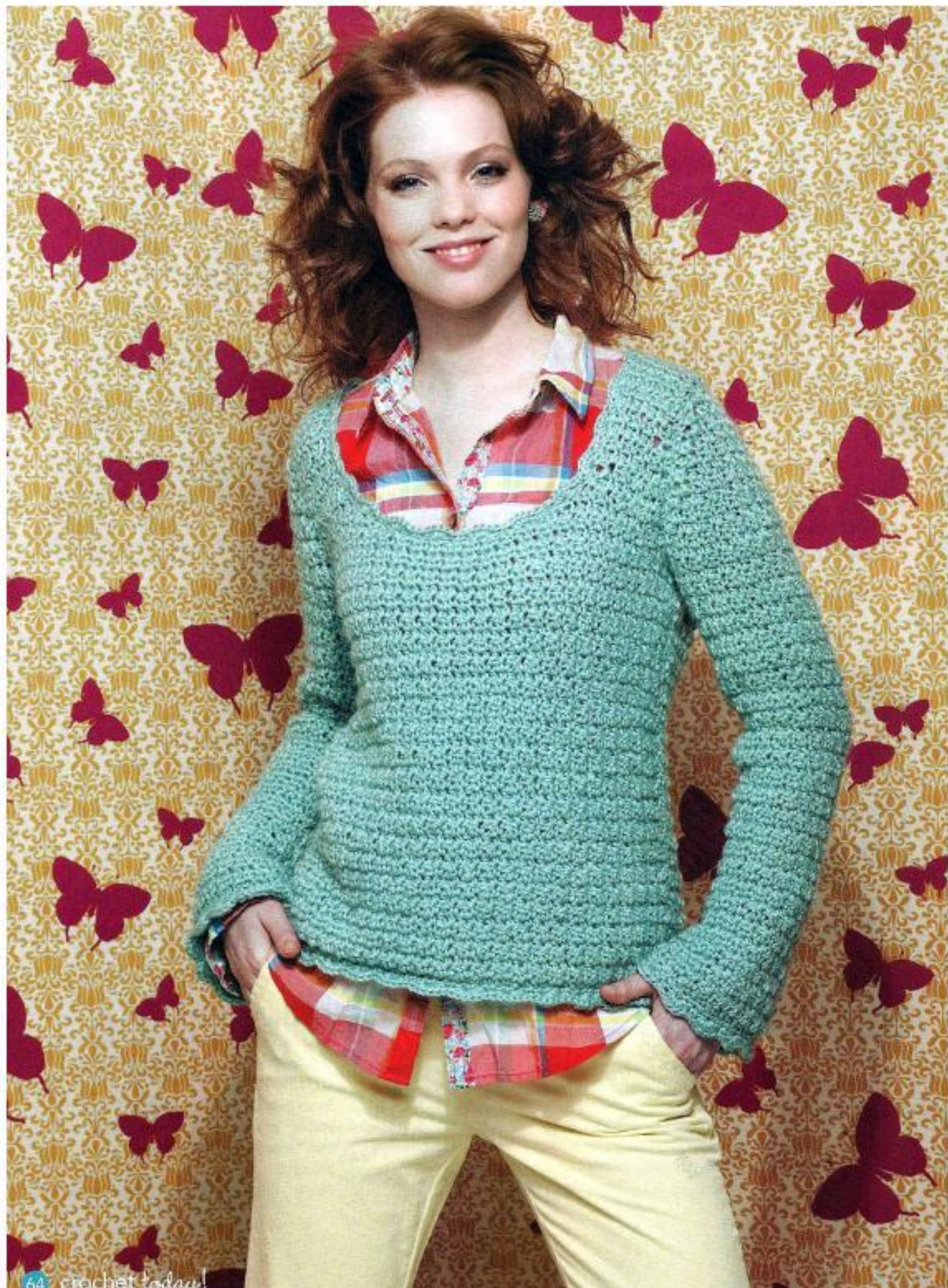
HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 16.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 3rd ch from hook
(beginning ch counts as hdc), *sc in next ch, dc
in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc
in last ch—15 sts.

Rows 2–11 Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn; dc in
next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat
from * across to last st, hdc in last st (top of
turning ch).

Resulting gauge swatch should measure





approx 4¼ x 4⅞/11 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BACK

Ch 62 (68, 72, 80, 88).

Foundation Row (right side) Dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as hdc), *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc in last ch—61 (67, 71, 79, 87) sts.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of Textured Pattern.

Repeat last row until piece measures 1½/4cm from beginning.

Shape Waist

Rows 1–3 Work Row 1 of Textured Pattern.

Row 4 (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—59 (65, 69, 77, 85) sts.

Rows 5–7 Ch 2, turn; sc in next st, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in last st.

Row 8 (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—57 (63, 67, 75, 83) sts.

Rows 9–11 Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in last st.

Row 12 Repeat Row 4—55 (61, 65, 73, 81) sts.

Row 13 Ch 2, turn; sc in next st, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in last st. Repeat last row until piece measures 9½/24cm from beginning.

Shape for Bust

Rows 1–3 Ch 2, turn; sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last st, hdc in last st.

Row 4 (increase row) Ch 2, turn; (dc, sc) in next st, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, (sc, dc) in next st, hdc in last st—57 (63, 67, 75, 83) sts.

Rows 5–7 Work Row 1 of Texture Pattern.

Row 8 (increase row) Ch 2, turn; (sc, dc) in next st, sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, (dc, sc) in next st, hdc in last st—59 (65, 69, 77, 85) sts.

Rows 9–12 Repeat Rows 1–4—61 (67, 71, 79, 87) sts.

Row 13 Work Row 1 of Texture Pattern.

Repeat last row until piece measures 14½/37 cm from beginning.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 Turn; sl st in first 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—55 (59, 61, 67, 73) sts.

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 5, 6) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 3 (3, 4, 5, 6) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—51 (55, 55, 59, 63) sts.

Sizes M (L, 1X, 2X) Only

Next 1 (1, 2, 3) Rows (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—53 (53, 55, 57) sts.

All Sizes

Note Following a decrease row, work a ch 2 and turn; then work either sc or dc into the hdc2tog. Work sc if the following stitch is a dc, and work dc if the following stitch is sc. Similarly, at the end of the row, work either sc or dc into the last hdc2tog. Work sc if the preceding stitch was dc, and work dc if the preceding stitch was sc.

Next Row Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Next Row (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—49 (51, 51, 53, 55) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—45 (47, 47, 49, 51) sts.

Next Row Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Repeat last row until piece measures 21 (21½, 21½, 22, 22½)/53.5 (54.5, 54.5, 56, 57)cm from beginning.

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc over next 8 (9, 9, 10, 11) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked (for neck)—10 (11, 11, 12, 13) sts.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last

st—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Slk next 25 unworked sts following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next st.

Row 1 Ch 2, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across—10 (11, 11, 12, 13) sts.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as back until piece measures 14¼ (15¼, 15¼, 16¼)/37.5 (38.5, 38.5, 40, 41.5) cm.

Note For the smallest size, be sure to work at least the first row of armhole shaping before proceeding. For the other sizes you will have begun, but not completed, the armhole shaping. Make a note of the last row of armhole shaping that you have worked before working the shoulder and neck shaping (below). On the side edges of the front, you will continue to work the armhole shaping in the same manner as on the back. At the same time, you will shape the neck along the inner edge. Place markers on either side of center 13 sts (for neck).

Shape First Shoulder and Neck

Row 1 Begin in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to 1 st before first marker, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked (for neck and second shoulder).

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 5 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back.

Row 3 Begin in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back, sc in each sc, dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc in next st; leave last 2 sts unworked.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back.

Row 5 Begin in same manner as next row of

armhole shaping for back, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back. Repeat last 2 rows until all armhole shaping is complete—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Next Row Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st. Repeat last row until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder and Neck

Sk 13 sts (between markers) following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next st.

Row 1 Ch 2, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back.

Row 2 Begin in same manner as next row of armhole shaping of back, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 5 sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 3 Turn; sl st in first 3 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back.

Row 4 Begin in same manner as next row of armhole shaping of back, sc in each sc and dc

in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across, end row in same manner as next row of armhole shaping for back.

Row 6 Begin in same manner as next row of armhole shaping of back, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st. Repeat last 2 rows until all armhole shaping is complete—9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts.

Next Row Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st. Repeat last row until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Ch 44.

Foundation Row (right side) Dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as hdc), *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, hdc in last ch—43 sts.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of Textured Pattern.

Row 2 (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—41 sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; sc in next st, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in last st.

Row 4 (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—39 sts.

Rows 5–7 Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, sc in next sc, *dc in next dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in last st.

Row 8 (decrease row) Repeat Row 2—37 sts.

Rows 9–11 Ch 2, turn; sc in next st, dc in next dc, *sc in next sc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in last st.

Row 12 (decrease row) Repeat Row 4—35 sts.

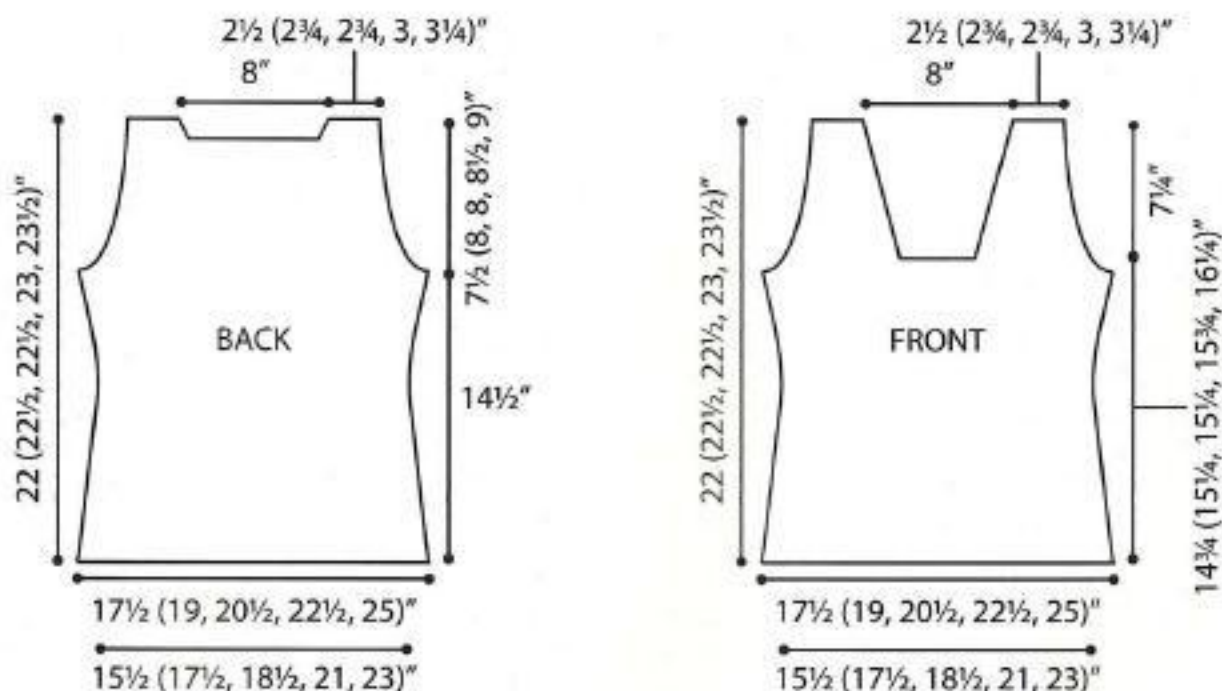
Next 7 (5, 3, 3, 3) Rows Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Note To maintain the Textured Pattern when working an increase row, work a ch 2 and turn; then work either (sc, dc) or (dc, sc) in the next st. Work (sc, dc) if the following stitch is a sc, and work (dc, sc) if the following stitch is dc. Similarly, at the end of the row, work either (sc, dc) or (dc, sc) in the second to last st. Work (sc, dc) if the preceding stitch was dc, and work (dc, sc) if the preceding stitch was sc.

Next Row (increase row) Ch 2, turn; work 2 sts in next st, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 2 sts, work 2 sts in next st, hdc in last st—37 sts.

Repeat last 8 (6, 4, 4, 4) rows 2 (2, 0, 3, 6)

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more times—41 (41, 37, 43, 49) sts.

Next 9 (7, 5, 5, 5) Rows Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Next Row (increase row) Ch 2, turn; work 2 sts in next st, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 2 sts, work 2 sts in next st, hdc in last st—43 (43, 39, 45, 51) sts.

Repeat last 10 (8, 6, 6, 6) rows 0 (1, 4, 2, 0) more times—43 (45, 47, 49, 51) sts.

Next Row Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Repeat last row until piece measures 18"/45.5cm from beginning.

Shape Cap

Row 1 Turn; sl st in first 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—37 sts.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last st, hdc in last st.

Row 3 (decrease row) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—35 sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2, 4, 5, 6) more times—33 (31, 27, 25, 23) sts.

Next Row (decrease row) Ch 2, turn;

hdc2tog, sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—31 (29, 25, 23, 21) sts.

Repeat last row 5 (4, 2, 1, 0) more times—21 sts.

Next 2 Rows Turn; sl st in first 4 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc with base in same st as last sl st made), sc in each sc and dc in each dc across to last 4 sts, hdc in next st; leave remaining sts unworked—9 sts.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Neck Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in neck edge at one shoulder seam.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 88 sc evenly spaced around neck edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc, *sc in next sc, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—22 shells. Fasten off.

Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve and side seams.

Sleeve Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in lower seam of one sleeve.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 44 sc evenly spaced around sleeve edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc, *sc in next sc, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—11 shells. Fasten off. Repeat around other sleeve.

Lower Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in lower side seam.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 120 (132, 140, 156, 172) sc evenly spaced around lower edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc, *sc in next sc, sk next sc, shell in next sc, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—30 (33, 35, 39, 43) shells. Fasten off.

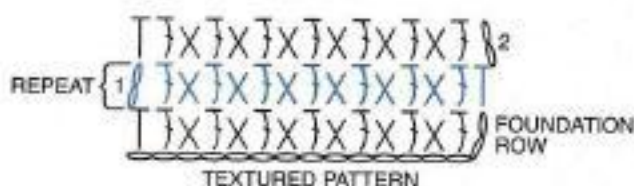
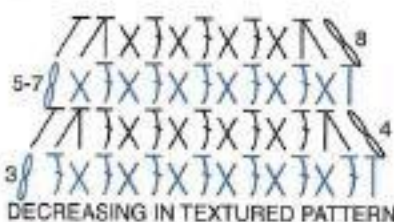
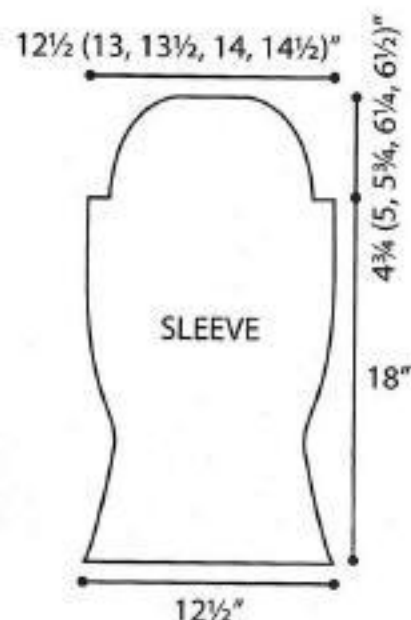
Weave in all ends.

try this!

This sweater would be lovely in another color, too; try #5910 Lipstick or #5875 Twilight.



STITCH DIAGRAM







Blooming Sun Hat

A lacy crown gives this basic hat an element of surprise. Wear it everywhere this spring and summer to keep the sun out of your eyes in crafty style.

By Linda Permann

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

dc3tog (double crochet 3 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Cotton Blend, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 145yd/132m (pre-cycled cotton/acrylic)

- 2 skeins #1105 Vanilla

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy




Recycled cotton yarn makes this topper earth-friendly, soft and breathable.

try this!

Springtime hats can be colorful, too! Try #1370 Candy Marl or #1926 Current.



the yarn 

Eco-Cotton Blend in Vanilla

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 21"/53.5cm circumference around head just before brim and 31"/78.5cm circumference at widest point of brim. Hat will stretch to fit larger heads.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–3 = 3 1/4"/8.5cm diameter

HAT

Beginning at top of hat, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in ring, ch 1, [2 dc in ring, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc and 6 ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, [2 dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] 5 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—24 dc and 6 ch-1 sps.

Round 3 Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp; * [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—36 dc and 6 ch-2 sps.

Round 4 Ch 3; * [dc2tog] twice, dc in next dc, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3**; dc in next dc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—24 dc, 6 sc, and 12 ch-3 sps.

Round 5 Ch 3; * dc2tog, dc in next dc, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 3**; dc in next dc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—18 dc, 12 sc, and 18 ch-3 sps.

Round 6 Ch 2, dc2tog (counts as beginning dc3tog); * [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, ch 3**; dc3tog; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in beginning dc3tog—6 dc3tog, 18 sc, and 24 ch-3 sps.

Round 7 (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 4; * sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—24 ch-4 sps.

Round 8 Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), 2 hdc in same ch-4 sp, 3 hdc in next ch-4 sp, 4 hdc in next ch-4 sp; * 3 hdc in each of next 2 ch-4 sps, 4 hdc in next ch-4 sp; repeat from



* around; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—80 hdc.

Round 9 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, ch 3, sk next hdc; *sc in next hdc, ch 3, sk next hdc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—40 ch-3 sps.

Round 10 (Sl st, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, 2 hdc in next ch-3 sp and in each ch-3 sp around; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—80 hdc.

Rounds 11–17 Repeat Rounds 9 and 10, 3 more times, then repeat Round 9 once more.

Shape Brim

Round 18 (Sl st, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, 2 hdc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp; *2 hdc in each of next 3 ch-3 sps, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—90 hdc.

Round 19 Repeat Round 9—45 ch-3 sps.

Round 20 Work same as Round 18 up to last ch-3 sp; 3 hdc in last ch-3 sp; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—102 hdc.

Round 21 Repeat Round 9—51 ch-3 sps.

Round 22 Work same as Round 18 up to

last 3 ch-3 sps; 2 hdc in each of last 3 ch-3 sps; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—114 hdc.

Round 23 Repeat Round 9—57 ch-3 sps.

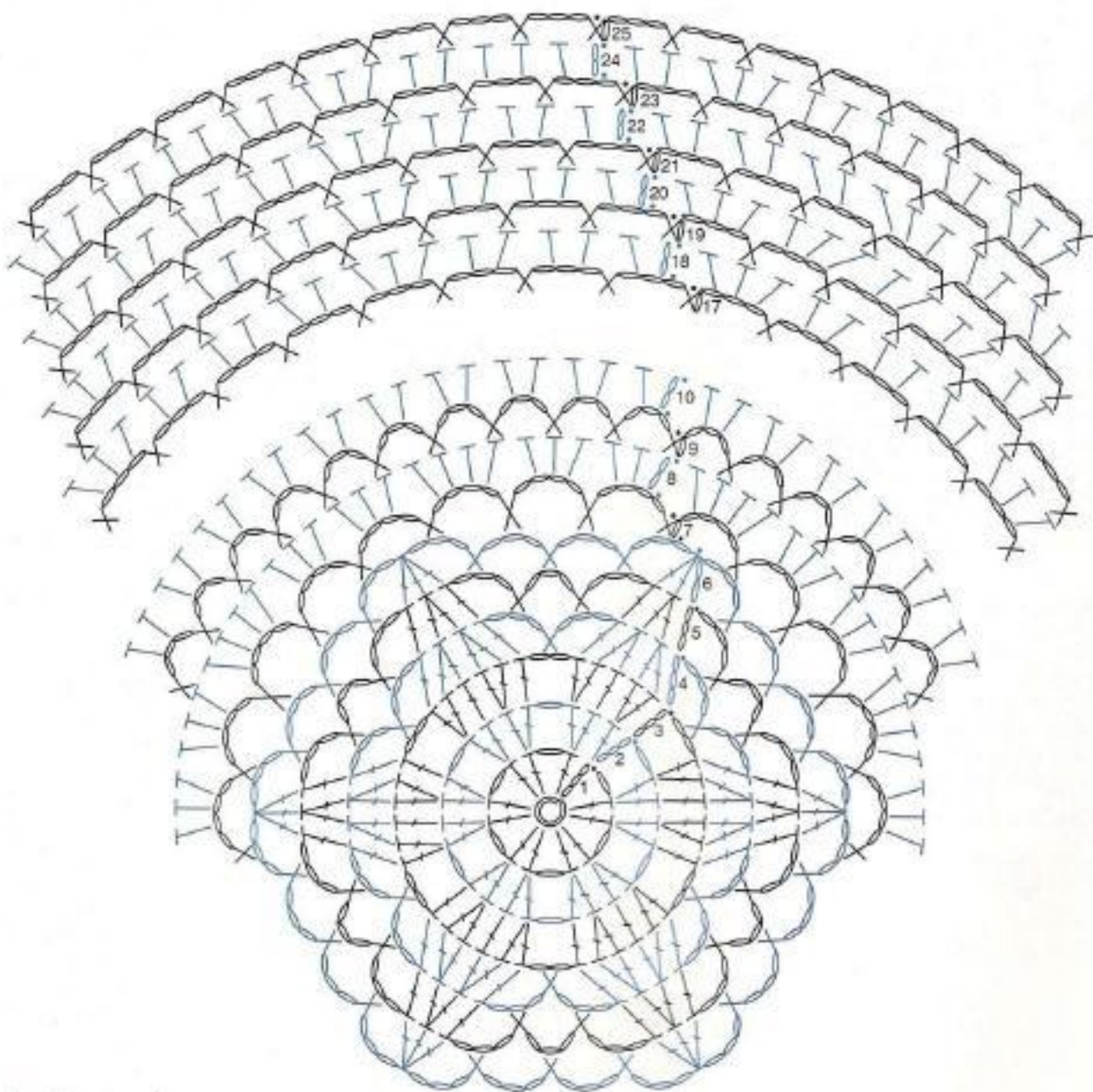
Round 24 Work same as Round 18 up to last ch-3 sp; 2 hdc in last ch-3 sp; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—128 hdc.

Round 25 Repeat Round 9—64 ch-3 sps. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends...

STITCH DIAGRAM



Welcoming *Baby*

Shower baby with crochet! Our collection of handmade gifts make perfect presents for spring arrivals. From quick booties and the easiest blanket to a sweet sweater and dress (and a mobile that's sure to make you smile), give that little bundle of joy a warm welcome with a handcrafted gift.



Sunshine Baby Dress

Ribbon roses accent this quick-to-make frock that's perfect for springtime arrivals. The dress is crocheted in one piece from the top down, making it easy to customize the finished length and width.

By Linda Permann

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Baby Blankie, 16 oz/453g balls, each approx 819yd/749m (acrylic)

- 1 (1, 2, 2) ball(s) #8200 Baby Yellow

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- 1 button, 3/4" x 19mm diameter
- 11 small ribbon rosettes (optional)
- Sewing needle and thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch chain **sk** skip
dc double crochet **sl st** slip stitch
hdc half double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
 [] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
 () Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

shell (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated stitch or space.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 21.

Row 1 (wrong side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc), dc in next 5 ch, sk next 2 ch, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch, sk next 2 ch, dc in last 7 ch-1 shell, and 14 dc.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in each dc to shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, sc in each dc across.

Row 3 Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc across.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Rows 5–10 Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 5 1/2" x 4" x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

YOKE

Beginning at neck, ch 51.

Row 1 (wrong side) (Dc, ch 3, dc) in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc), sk next ch, dc in next ch, *sk next ch, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch, sk next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across—37 dc, and 12 ch-3 sps.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; *sk next dc, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp (shell made), sk next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across—12 shells, and 13 dc (between the shells).

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, ch 3, sk first

SIZES

6 (12, 18, 24) months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

chest 19 (21, 23, 25 1/2)"/48.5 (53.5, 58.5, 65)cm

length 13 1/2 (15, 17, 18 1/2)"/34.5 (38, 43, 47)cm, measured from center back neck and including edging

GAUGE

14 sts and 10 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern; Each shell measures 1 1/2"/4cm wide. Remember to check gauge for best results!

the yarn



Baby Blankie in Baby Yellow





2 dc of shell, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, 2 sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc; repeat from * across to last ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in last ch-1 sp, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc—48 sc, and 36 ch-3 sps.

Note Work now proceeds in rounds. Do NOT turn at the beginning of rounds.

Round 4 Ch 3, do NOT turn; beginning in first stitch of Row 3, dc in first sc, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, *dc in next 2 sc, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 shells, and 24 dc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next dc (increase made), place marker (pm) in first sc of increase just made, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, *sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, 2 sc in next dc, pm in first sc of increase just made, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—60 sc, and 36 ch-3 sps.

Note Move markers up as work progresses. In sc rows move the marker into the center most sc of each sc-group. When there are an even number of sc stitches in a sc-group, place the marker in the first of the two center most sc stitches.

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in each sc to next ch-3

sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, *sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 shells, and 36 dc.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, *sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—72 sc, and 36 ch-3 sps.

Repeat Rounds 6 and 7, 0 (0, 1, 1) more time.

Repeat Round 6, 0 (1, 0, 1) more time (s).

Sizes 6 Months (18 Months) Only

Divide for Body and Sleeves

Round 8 (10) Ch 3, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, ch 4 (5), sk next 8 ch-3 sps (for armhole), (shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp) 3 times, shell in next ch-3 sp, ch 4 (5), sk next 8 ch-3 sps for

armhole, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 (8) shells, 24 (30) dc, and 2 ch-4 (5) sps.

Round 9 (11) Ch 1, sc in same st as join, [sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell] 2 times, sc in next 2 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 1 (2) ch, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of next shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, [sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell] 4 times, sc in next 2 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 1 (2) ch, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of next shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell; join with sl st in first sc—56 (64) sc, and 24 (24) ch-3 sps.

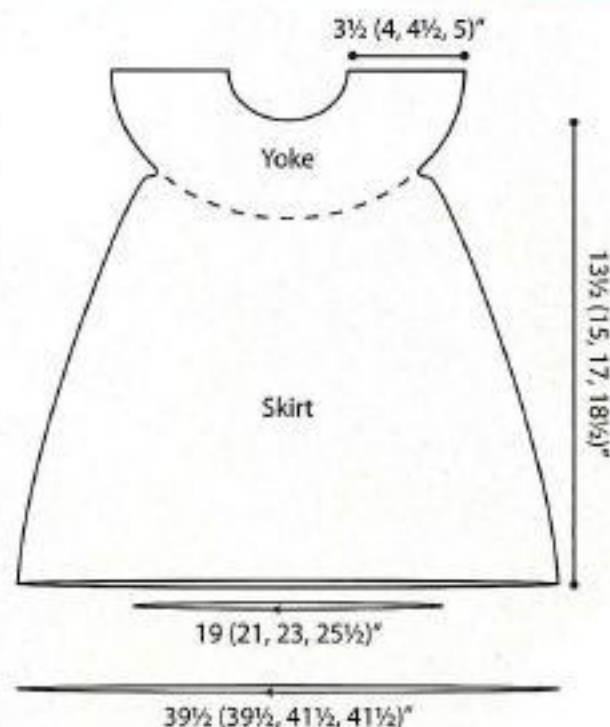
Round 10 (12) Repeat Round 6—8 (8) shells and 40 (48) dc.

try this!

This dress is just as sweet in #8620 Baby Green or #8700 Baby Pink.



SCHEMATIC





Sizes 12 Months (24 Months) Only

Divide for Body and Sleeves

Round 9 (11) Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 11, sk next 2 shells (for armhole), (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of next shell, [ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell] 3 times, ch 11, sk next 2 shells (for armhole), (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, sc in each dc to marked dc, 2 sc in marked dc, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell; join with sl st in first sc—56 (64) sc, 20 (20) ch-3 sps, and 2 ch-11 (12) sps.

Round 10 (12) Ch 3, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next 3 ch, dc in next 5 (6) ch, sk next 3 ch, shell in next ch-3 sp, [sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, sk next 3 ch, dc in next 5 (6) ch, sk next 3 ch, shell in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—8 (8) shells, and 40 (48) dc.

Sizes 6 (12) Months Only

Rounds 11 and 12 Repeat Round 7, then repeat Round 6—8 shells, and 48 dc.

Shape Skirt (All Sizes)

Round 13 Repeat Round 7—72 sc and 24 ch-3 sps.

Round 14 Repeat Round 6—8 shells, and 56 dc.

Rounds 15–26 (26, 28, 28) Repeat Rounds 13 and 14—8 (8, 8, 8) shells and 96 (96, 104, 104) dc.

Round 27 (27, 29, 29) Ch 3, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, *sk next ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 28 (28, 30, 30) Ch 1, sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-1 sp of shell, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell, *sc in each dc to next shell, ch 3, sk first 2 dc of shell, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sk last 2 dc of shell; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Repeat last 2 rows 2 (4, 5, 7) more times. Do not fasten off.

Edging

Round 1 Ch 3, dc in next 12 (12, 13, 13) dc, hdc in first dc of next shell, sc in next dc, sc in next ch, sc in next dc, hdc in last dc of shell, *dc in next 13 (13, 14, 14) dc, hdc in first dc of shell, sc in next dc, sc in next ch, sc in next dc, hdc in last dc of shell; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—144 (144, 152, 152) sts.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 3, sk next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—72 (72, 76, 76) ch-3 sps. Fasten off.

Neck Edging

With right side facing, join yarn at center back neck (same sp of joining to work in the round).

Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly around neck, working 3 sc in one top corner (where button will be sewn) and (sc, ch 4, sc) in the opposite corner (for button loop); join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

With right side facing, join yarn in underarm.

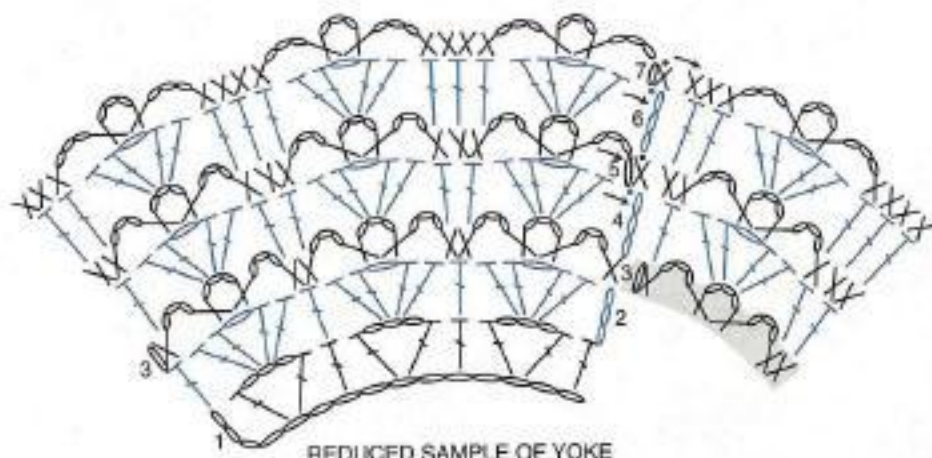
Round 1 Ch 1, work sc evenly around sleeve edge, ensuring that you work an even number of sts; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 3, sk next sc, *sc in next sc, ch 3, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat for second sleeve.

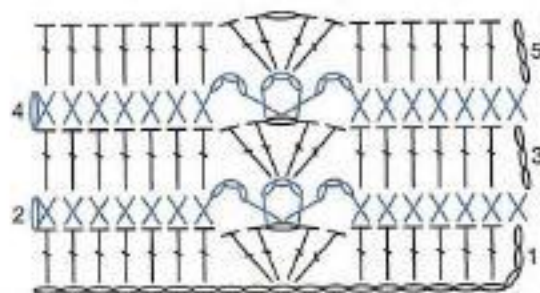
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Sew button to top back neck, opposite button loop. (Optional) Place ribbon rosettes evenly around neck (Round 1 of pattern) and hand-sew in place.

STITCH DIAGRAMS



REDUCED SAMPLE OF YOKE



REDUCED SAMPLE OF SWATCH PATTERN





Happy Day mobile

Keep baby engaged and smiling with this too-cute mobile. Hang it over a crib or on the wall for the perfect nursery accessory.

By Amy Gaines

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Kids, 5oz/141g balls, each approx 290yd/265m (acrylic)

1 ball each:

- 2230 Yellow (A)
- 2252 Orange (B)
- 2735 Pale Pink (C)
- 2845 Blue (D)
- 2846 Cruise Blue (E)
- 2652 Lime (F)
- 2390 Red (G)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

1 ball each:

- 316 Soft White (H)
- 312 Black (I)

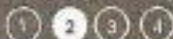
CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Plastic ring, 1¼"/3cm diameter
- Heavy-duty sewing thread
- 4 safety eyes, 9mm diameter
- 4 safety eyes, 6mm diameter
- Polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch chain

sc single crochet


[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

the yarn 

Red Heart Kids in Cruise

Super Saver in Black

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

sun 3½"/9cm diameter (face only) and 5½"/14cm diameter (face and rays)

rainbow 7¼"/18.5cm wide (across widest point) and 3¼"/8.5cm tall

raindrop 2"/5cm diameter and 3¼"/8.5cm tall

clouds (all 4 sewn together) 7"/18cm wide and 3"/7.5 tall

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

- 1 Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so that stuffing does not show through stitches.
- 2 The sun, clouds, and raindrops are worked in continuous rounds. Do not join and do not turn at beginning of rounds.
- 3 The rainbow is worked back and forth in rows.
- 4 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color.

SUN

Head

Beginning at center of face, with A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail, to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is worked.



Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Rounds 9–13 Sc in each sc around.

Following package directions, attach two 9mm safety eyes between Rounds 5 and 6. With 10*/25.5cm length of I, embroider smile centered below eyes.

Round 14 [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 15 [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 16 [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 17 [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 18 [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Stuff sun firmly before proceeding.

Round 19 [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 20 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew opening closed.

Ray (Make 8)

With B, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 4 sc in ring—4 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail, to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is worked.

Round 2 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 2 times—6 sc.

Round 3 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 2 times—8 sc.

Round 4 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 2 times—10 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

After completing all eight rays, use long tails to sew rays evenly spaced around outer edge of sun (Round 11 of sun).

Cheek (Make 2)

With C, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 5 sc in ring—5 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail, to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is worked.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew cheeks to either side of smile, below eyes.

CLOUDS

Small Cloud (Make 2)

With H, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work Rounds 1–4 of sun—24 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Large Cloud (Make 2)

With H, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–6 Work Rounds 1–6 of sun—36 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

When all four clouds are complete, arrange them as shown in photograph and use long tails to sew together. Sew clouds to front of sun, below smile.

RAINBOW (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With D, ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—12 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times; change to E in last sc—18 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.





Row 4 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times; change to F in last sc—24 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times; change to A in last sc—30 sc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times; change to B in last sc—36 sc.

Row 9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 10 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times; change to C in last sc—42 sc.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times; change to G in last sc—48 sc.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] 6 times—54 sc. Fasten off.

Following package directions, attach two 9mm safety eyes to the front of one rainbow piece, between Rows 6 and 7. With a 10"/25.5cm length of I, embroider smile centered below eyes. Hold wrong sides of both rainbow pieces together, sew edges together, using matching colored yarn all the way around. Stuff piece lightly before sewing completely closed.

RAINDROP (MAKE 2)

Head

With E, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 4 sc in ring—4 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail, to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is worked.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around.

Round 3 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 2 times—6 sc.

Round 4 Sc in each sc around.

Round 5 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 2 times—8 sc.

Round 6 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 2 times—10 sc.

Round 7 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 2 times—12 sc.

Round 8 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] 2 times—14 sc.

Round 9 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 2 times—16 sc.

Round 10 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] 2 times—18 sc.

Round 11 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc] 2

times—20 sc.

Round 12 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc] 2 times—22 sc.

Round 13 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc] 2 times—24 sc.

Rounds 14–17 Sc in each sc around.

Following package directions attach two 6mm safety eyes, between Rounds 13 and 14.

Round 18 [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc. Stuff raindrop firmly.

Round 19 [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 20 [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Use long tail to sew opening closed.

Cheek (make 2)

With C, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 Work 5 sc in ring—5 sc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail, to tighten ring. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. With a 10"/25.5cm length of I, embroider smile centered below eyes. Sew cheeks to either side of smile, below eyes.

FINISHING

Assemble Mobile

Arrange plastic ring and crochet pieces in the following order: ring, sun and clouds, rainbow, and raindrops.

attach sun and clouds to ring Cut an 18"/45.5cm length of sturdy thread. Fold the thread in half and insert the fold into the ring. Thread the ends through the fold and pull tight to anchor two strands of thread to the ring. Thread the two strands onto a needle. Leaving 3"/7.5cm between the ring and the sun and clouds, sew several stitches into top ray of the sun, and weave thread securely into the sun. Cut thread.

attach rainbow to sun and clouds Cut an 18"/45.5cm length of sturdy thread. Fold the thread in half and thread the cut ends into a needle. Insert needle into lower ray of sun, going under several crochet stitches, and draw partway through. Insert needle into fold of thread and pull tight to attach thread to lower ray

of sun. Sew several stitches into lower ray (behind clouds). Leaving 1½"/4cm between the sun and rainbow, sew several stitches into center of top of rainbow, and weave thread securely into the rainbow.

Cut thread.

attach raindrops to rainbow Leaving 2"/5cm between the rainbow and one raindrop, and 5"/12.5cm between the rainbow and the second raindrop, attach each raindrop to one end of rainbow in same way that rainbow was attached to sun and clouds.

Weave in all ends.

Tip

Design your own mobile by using any number of suns, rainbows, clouds, and raindrops.





Make It a Party!

Hosting a baby shower? Mix it up and make it a crochet-themed event! This blanket, stitched in simple squares, is perfect for a group project. Just provide a basket of yarn and hooks, and ask guests to work up one or more squares at the party—they don't take long to make. Then simply join the squares together, and the new parents will have an extra-special shower gift—and baby will be sure to receive a warm welcome.



Baby Shower Blanket

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Buttercup, 1¼oz/50g balls, each approx 72yds/66m (polyester/nylon)

- 3 balls #4273 Yellow Multi (A)
- 3 balls #4277 Light Mint (B)
- 2 balls #4271 White Multi (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size L/11 (8mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers (recommended)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s)
sk skip

st(s) stitch(es)
tr treble crochet

the yarn



Buttercup in Soft Mint

Buttercup yarn makes this blankie super soft and cuddly, just the thing for a new baby's skin.

By Sara Graham

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 27½"/70cm wide x 31¼"/79.5cm high

GAUGE

Square = 5½"/14cm wide x 6¼"/16cm high
Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To help identify where last stitch on Rows 2–5 should be worked with this fluffy yarn, insert a stitch marker where indicated on Rows 1–4.

SQUARE (MAKE 10 WITH A, 10 WITH B, AND 5 WITH C)

With appropriate color, ch 16.

Row 1 (right side) Tr in 5th ch from hook (4 skipped chs count as first tr), insert stitch marker in first skipped ch (top of first tr), tr in

each remaining ch across—13 tr.

Row 2 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; insert stitch marker in 4th ch of turning ch-4, sk first st, tr in next st and in each st across, working last tr in first skipped ch on Row 1.

Rows 3–5 Ch 4, turn; insert stitch marker in 4th ch of turning ch-4 on Rows 3 and 4, sk first st, tr in next st and in each st across, working last tr in 4th ch of turning ch-4. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

With right side of squares facing, arrange squares into 5 rows with 5 squares in each row randomly as desired. Sew squares together using mattress stitch or whip stitch.

Finishing

Weave in ends...

try this!

Make a checkerboard blanket using only two colors, #4276 Light Blue Multi and #4271 White Multi.





Springy Jacket

This sweet cardi is perfect for baby boys or girls. Self-patterning yarn creates a beautiful colorwork effect with little effort!

By Kj Hay

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Sweet Baby, 3½oz/100g balls, each approx 278yd/254m (acrylic)

- 2 (2, 2, 3) balls #7855 Wading Pool

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4.0mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- 4 buttons, 1 7/8" diameter
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain sl st slip stitch

hdc half double crochet sp(s) space(s)

sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

PATTERN STITCH

Grit Stitch

Ch a multiple of 2 sts.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs do not count as a st), sl st in next ch; *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc; *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across.

Repeat Row 2 for Grit Stitch.

SIZES

0-9 (9-18, 18-24, 24-36) months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 21 (23, 25, 27) 53.5 (58.5, 63.5,

68.5)cm, not including edging

Length 10 (11, 12, 13) 25.5 (28, 30.5, 33)cm, not including edging

GAUGE

16 sts and 21 rows = 4"/10cm over Grit Stitch
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 18.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of Grit Stitch—16 sts.

Rows 2-21 Work Row 2 of Grit Stitch.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4 7/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 The cardigan is worked in one piece from the neck down to armholes, the piece is then divided to form the armholes, and the body is worked from the armholes down to the lower edge.

2 The sleeves are worked in rounds, from the armholes downward. The sleeve length is easily adjusted by working more or fewer rounds.

YOKE

Ch 42 (50, 58, 66).

Row 1 (wrong side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs do not count as a st), sl st in next ch, *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—40 (48, 56, 64) sts.

Row 2 (right side) Work Row 2 of Grit Stitch.

Note In the following row, increases are worked to begin shaping the shoulders. Markers are placed to indicate the increase locations. As work progresses, move markers

the yarn



Sweet Baby in Wading Pool

up. On every other increase row, move the markers to the first hdc of the increase. On alternate increase rows move the markers to the last hdc of the increase. On non-increase rows, move the markers up to the st worked in the marked st.

Row 3 (increase set-up row) Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 3 (3, 4, 4) times, (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts (increase made), place a marker in last hdc of increase, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 1 (3, 4, 5) time(s), (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, place a marker in last hdc of increase, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 6 (6, 6, 8) times, (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, place a marker in last hdc of increase, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 1 (3, 4, 5) time(s), (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, place a marker in last hdc of increase, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 4 (4, 5, 5) times—48 (56, 64, 72) sts.

Row 4 Work Row 2 of Grit Stitch, moving markers up.

Row 5 (increase row) Ch 2, turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc, [*hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to next marker, (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, move marker to first hdc of increase] 4 times, **hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from **

across—56 (64, 72, 80) sts.

Row 6 Work Row 2 of Grit Stitch, moving markers up.

Row 7 (increase row) Ch 2, turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc, [*hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to next marker, (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, move marker to last hdc of increase] 4 times, **hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from ** across—64 (72, 80, 88) sts.

Rows 8–23 (27, 29, 31) Repeat last 4 rows until you have increased to 128 (152, 168, 184) sts.

Note End by working a Row 5 (5, 7, 5). Remove the markers. Do not fasten off.

Divide for Body and Armholes

Row 1 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 8 (9, 10, 11) times, hdc in next sl st, ch 4, sk next 26 (34, 38, 42) sts for armhole, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 19 (21, 23, 25) times, ch 4, sk next 26 (34, 38, 42) sts for other armhole, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 9 (10, 11, 12) times—76 (84, 92, 100) sts and 2 ch-4 sps remain for body.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn; hdc in first sl st, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across, working in all sts and chains across—84 (92, 100, 108) sts.

Row 3 Work Row 2 of Grit Stitch.

Repeat last row until piece measures 5½ (5¾, 6½, 7)"/14 (14.5, 16.5, 18)cm from first dividing row. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (WORK 2)

With wrong side facing, join yarn with sl st in any hdc of armhole, at least 3 sts before ch-4 at underarm.

Round 1 (wrong side) Ch 2 (does not count as a st), *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * around to ch-4 at underarm, (hdc, sl st) in end of row before ch-4, [hdc in free loop of next ch, sl st in free loop of next ch] twice, (hdc, sl st) in end of row following ch-4, **hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from ** around, working last sl st in same hdc as joining sl st; join with sl st in first hdc—34 (42, 46, 50) sts.

Round 2 Ch 2, turn; *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first hdc.

Repeat last row 7 more times, or until sleeve measures about ¼"/6mm less than desired length, ending by working a wrong-side row. Do not fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

Rounds 1 and 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

try this!

Sweet Baby comes in great baby colors; try #7772 Lolli or #7876 Sweet Dreams!





Round 3 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in each st around. Fasten off.
Repeat for second sleeve.

COLLAR EDGING

Place a marker on both front edges, 2"/5cm below top, for collar placement.

Row 1 With wrong side of jacket facing (this is the right side of the collar), join yarn with sl st at first marker on left front to work around neck/collar edge; working in ends of rows, sc evenly up left front edge (of collar), 3 sc in corner; working across opposite side of foundation ch, work sc evenly around top (neck) edge to other corner, 3 sc in corner; working in ends of rows, sc evenly down right front edge to second marker, sl st at second marker. Fasten off.

BUTTON BANDS AND LOWER EDGING

Row 1 With right side of jacket facing, join yarn with sl st at first collar marker to work down left front edge; working in ends of rows, sl st evenly down front edge; sl st in each st across bottom edge; working in ends of rows, sl st evenly up right front edge to second marker.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sl st between markers, working 3 sc in each lower corner sl st. Remove collar markers. Do not fasten off.

Mark for Buttonhole Placement Place 4 markers evenly spaced across right front edge (for girls) or left front edge (for boys). Place

first marker about 1/2"/13mm below collar, last marker about 1/2"/13mm above bottom edge, and remaining two markers evenly spaced between.

Row 3 (button hole row) Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across left front edge, bottom edge, and right front edge, working 3 sc in each corner st, and working buttonholes at markers, as follows: ch 2, sk marked st.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across, working 3 sc in each corner st and completing buttonholes as follows: work across to one st before ch-2 sp, insert hook in next st (st before ch-2 sp), yarn over and draw up a loop, insert hook in ch-2 sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook, sc in same ch-2 sp, insert hook in ch-2 sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert hook in next st (st following ch-2 sp), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Row 5 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sl st in each st across. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Fold top front edges over diagonally to form collar, and tack points in place. Sew buttons on left front (for girls) or right front (for boys), opposite buttonholes.

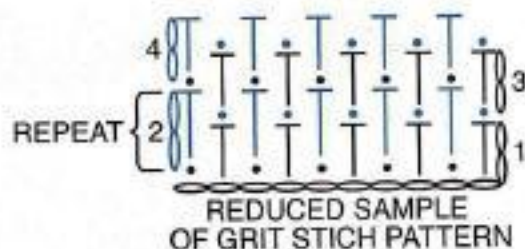
Weave in all ends.

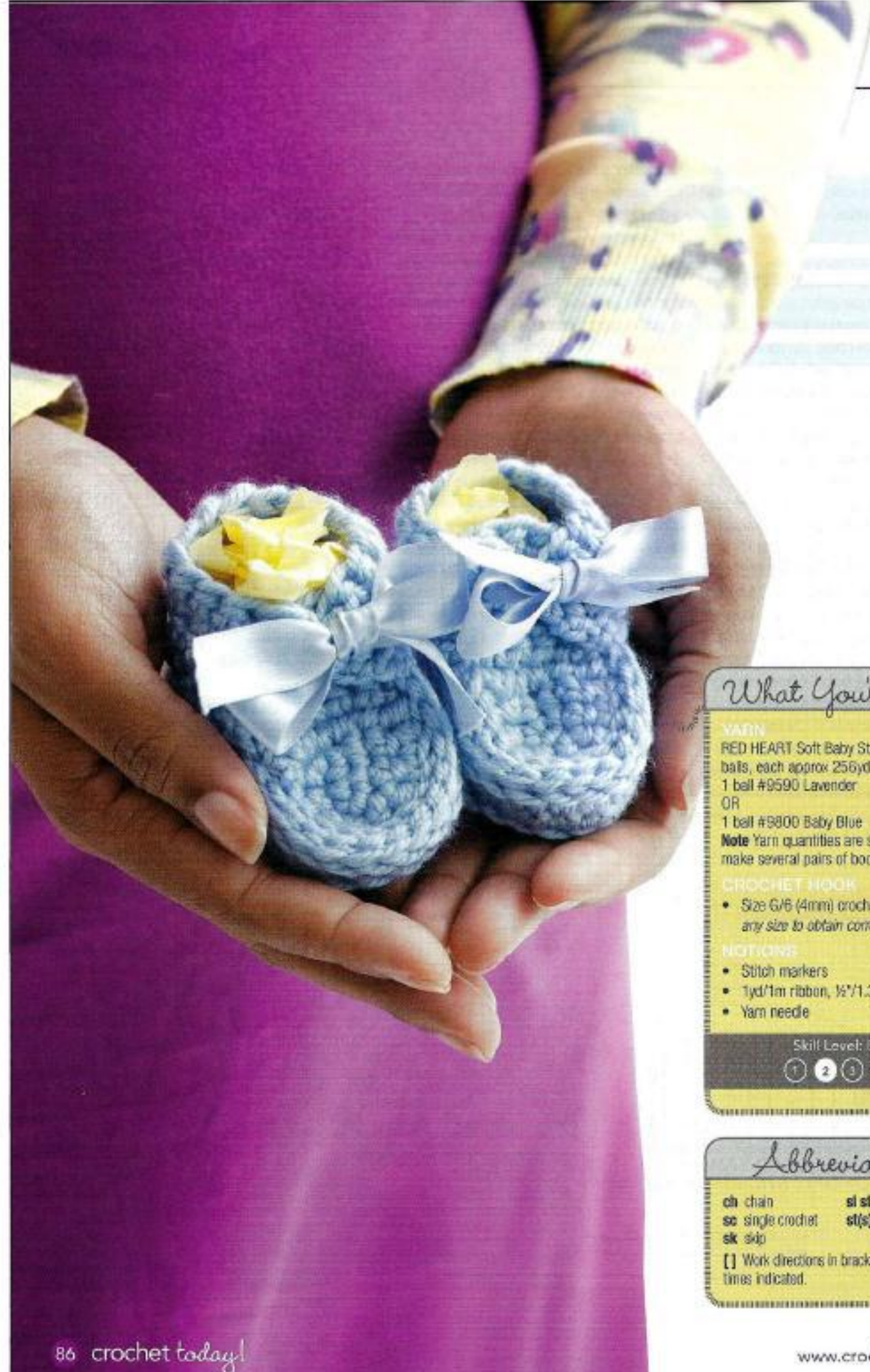


Tip

When working the increases in the yoke, exact placement isn't critical as long as the stitch count comes out correctly.

STITCH DIAGRAM





What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
1 ball #9590 Lavender
OR
1 ball #9800 Baby Blue

Note Yarn quantities are sufficient to make several pairs of booties.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- 1yd/1m ribbon, ½"/1.3cm wide
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch	chain	sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sk	skip		

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.



Bowtie Booties

Every new baby needs a pair of booties to keep little toes toasty. This set is perfect for a girl or boy—just swap the color accordingly!

By Amy Polcyn

SIZES

0–3 months (3–6 months, 6–9 months)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

length 3¼ (3¾, 4¼) × 8.5 (9.5, 11) cm

height 1½ × 4 cm for all 3 sizes

note Length is measured from back of heel to tip of toe. Height is measured from base of heel to top of cuff.

GAUGE

16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 3–18 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 × 4"/10 × 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BOOTIE

Sole

Ch 8 (10, 12).

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 (7, 9) ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 5 (7, 9) ch, 2 sc in last ch; join with sl st in first sc—16 (20, 24) sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as join, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc; join with sl st in first sc—20 (24, 28) sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc—24 (28, 32) sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 (7, 9) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; join with sl st in first sc—28 (32, 36) sc. Do not fasten off.

Round 5 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, working through both loops, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Instep (Top of Foot)

Ch 4 (5, 6).

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 1 (2, 3) ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 2 (3, 4) ch—7 (9, 11) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 (3, 4) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 (3, 4) sc—9 (11, 13) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 (3, 4) sc, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 (3, 4) sc—12 (14, 16) sc.

Fasten off.

Tongue

With right side facing, working across flat end of instep, join yarn with sl st in corner.

Row 1 Ch 1, work 5 sc evenly spaced across

the yarn



Soft Baby Steps in Baby Blue





flat end of instep.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until tongue measures 1 1/2"/4cm. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Assembly

Place a marker 1 1/2.5cm below top edge of tongue on each side. Align curved end of instep/tongue, between markers, with one end of sole (for toe). Working through both thicknesses, join yarn at first marker on tongue to work around curved ends.

Row 1 Working through both thicknesses, [sl st in end of row of tongue and inner loop of corresponding st of sole] twice; working in inner loops of both pieces only, sl st in next 12 (14, 16) sts of instep and sole; [sl st in end of row of tongue and inner loop of corresponding st of sole] twice-16 (18, 20) sl sts. Note About 1 1/2.5cm of tongue is left free. Do not fasten off.

Cuff

Row 1 Ch 3 (for tab), sc in remaining 12 (14, 16) sc of sole.

Row 2 Ch 4 (for tab), turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in each sc and ch across-18 (20, 22) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, ch 2, sk next sc (for eyelet), sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, ch 2, sk next sc (for eyelet), sc in last sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch across. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Cut ribbon into two 18"/45.5cm pieces. Thread ribbon through eyelets in Row 3 of cuff and tie in a bow. Trim ends.

Weave in all ends...

...If you prefer a button closure, sew a button on top of one of the eyelets of Row 3 of cuff (sewing the eyelet closed) and use the other eyelet as a buttonhole.





flat end of instep.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Repeat last row until tongue measures 1 1/2"/4cm. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Assembly

Place a marker 1 1/2.5cm below top edge of tongue on each side. Align curved end of instep/tongue, between markers, with one end of sole (for toe). Working through both thicknesses, join yarn at first marker on tongue to work around curved ends.

Row 1 Working through both thicknesses, [sl st in end of row of tongue and inner loop of corresponding st of sole] twice; working in inner loops of both pieces only, sl st in next 12 (14, 16) sts of instep and sole; [sl st in end of row of tongue and inner loop of corresponding st of sole] twice-16 (18, 20) sl sts. Note About 1 1/2.5cm of tongue is left free. Do not fasten off.

Cuff

Row 1 Ch 3 (for tab), sc in remaining 12 (14, 16) sc of sole.

Row 2 Ch 4 (for tab), turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in each sc and ch across-18 (20, 22) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, ch 2, sk next sc (for eyelet), sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, ch 2, sk next sc (for eyelet), sc in last sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc and ch across. Fasten off.

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